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RALEIGH, N. C., November 13th, 1900.

The Synod of North Carolina met in its Eighthty-Seventh Annual Session, Tuesday, November 13th, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., in the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. William Black, on the text: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—and, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Mark 16:15, and Matt. 28:20.

After the sermon the Synod was called to order by the Moderator and constituted with prayer. The roll was called by Presbyteries and the following members were present and enrolled during the Sessions of Synod :*

I—Orange Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. I. Craig	J. W. Millner	Reidsville
Egbert W. Smith, D. D		
B. B. Palmer, (col.)		
J. McL. Seabrook	G. W. Denny	Buffalo
	J. W. Summers	Bethel
Robt. E. Caldwell, D. D	J. M. Rogers. 2	Winston
L. B. Turnbull, D. D	Leo. D. Heartt	Durham
Daniel J. Currie	F. P. Venable	Chapel Hill
	C. W. Johnston	New Hope
H. S. Bradshaw		
H. D. LeQueux		
W. P. McCorkle		
Joseph Evans. 2		
E. E. Gillespie		

*The figure after a name denotes the day one takes his seat.

I.—Orange Presbytery Continued.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS	CHURCHES.
E. C. Murray, D. D	T. M. Cheek	Mebane
J. W. Goodman		
C E. Hodgin	Dr. W. P. Beall	Westminster
Allen Jones Jr. 2	D. A. McNeill	Jefferson
Cornelius Miller		
L. M. Kerschner		
W. A. Murray		
	A. C. McAlister	Asheboro
	Dr. W. N. Tate. 5	Cross Roads
	S. A. White	Hawfields
	J. R. Finley	North Wilkesboro

The following ministers of Orange Presbytery were absent : A. Currie, R. W. Culbertson, C. W. Robinson, R. W. George, S. H. Williamson, W. A. Gillon, R. L. Wharton, O. G. Jones, J. H. Hammett.

The following churches were not represented : Alamance, Asbury, Bethany, Bethlehem, Bethesda, Burlington, Clark Memorial, Danbury, Dan River, Ebenezer, Elkin 1st, Elkin colored, Elim, Eno, Fairfield, Gilead, Graham, Greensboro, Griers, High Point, Hillsboro, Holloway, Jamestown, Leaksville, Lexington, Little River, Madison, Milton, Mt. Airy, Pine Hall, Red House, Rougemont, Roxboro, Sandy Ridge, Saxapahaw, Snow Hill, Speedwell, Springwood, Stony Creek, Wentworth, Wilkesboro, Worthville, Yanceyville.

II—Concord Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Rumple, D. D	H. G. Tyson	Salisbury
W. W. Pharr, D. D		
John W. Davis, D. D. 2		
J. M. Wharey, D. D		
C. A. Munroe	J. G. Hall	Lenoir

II.—Concord Presbytery Continued.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. R. McLelland	J. W. Lentz	Bethesda
R S. Arrowood		
A. T. Graham, D. D	Dr. H. L. Smith	Davidson
R W. Boyd. 2		
J. C. Kennedy		
W. C. Brown		
W. J. Tidball		
John Wakefield		
Cochran Preston		
Thornwell Jacobs. 2		
J. A. Gilmer		
John A. Scott 2		
W. T. Matthews		
C. M. Richards. 2	Dr. M. W. Hill	Statesville
W. S. Wilson	H. E. Shoaf	Back Creek

The following ministers of Concord Presbytery were absent: B. L. Beall, L. McKinnon, D. D., J. B. Shearer, D. D., E. E. Pressley. J. A. Harris, L. A. McLaurin, J. M. Greenlee, Edgar Tufts, J F. Pharr, A. S. Caldwell, A. W. White, J. M. McLain.

The following churches were not represented: Banner Elk, Bethany, Bethphage, Blowing Rock, Cannonville, Centre, China Grove, Cleveland, Clio, Concord, 1st, Concord (Ire.), Cove Creek, Elk Park, Elmwood, Fifth Creek, Franklin, Front Street, Gilwood, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Hickory, Marion, Mocksville, Mooresville, Morganton, Newton, Newdale, New Salem, Old Fort, Patterson Mill, Pineola, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Quaker Meadows, Rocky River, Shearer, Sherrill's Ford, Shiloh, Siloam, South River, Spencer, Spruce Pine, Tabor, Taylorsville, Third Creek, Thyatira, Troutman, Turkey Cove, Unity, Waldensian, White Hall, Zion.

III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill, D. D	James McBryde	Centre
David Fairley		
A. N. Ferguson	Henry Fairley	Laurel Hill
K. M. McIntyre		
J. S. Black	W. L. Williams	Sardis
P. R. Law		
K. A. McLeod	J A. McIver	Jonesboro
W. F. Thom	John M. McIver	Gulf
	R. H. Hayes. 2	Pittsboro
A. M. Hassell		
M. D. McNeill	J. D. McIver	Buffalo
	M. McL. McKeithan	Cameron
	D. E. McIver	Sanford
	J. R. McQueen	Union
W. R. Coppedge	John McLean	Hamlet
C. G. Vardell	John McLean	Red Springs
A McLaughlin	D. D. McKinnon	Wadesville
C. H. Dobbs, Jr	J. D. McIver	Carthage
	John McNeill	Bethesda
H. T. Graham	A E. Rankin. 2	Fayetteville
J. P. McMillan, D. D		
J. M. Rose, D. D	A. L. James	Laurinburg
	Ralph Morrison	Ida Mills
R. W. Hines. 2		
J. L. Yandle		
	J. A. Hodgin	Antioch
	D. D. Sinclair	Ashepole

The following ministers of Fayetteville Presbytery were absent: M. N. McIver, A. J. McKelway, D. D., L. L. Little, Hugh Craig, W. C. Buchanan, R. W. Alexander, C. F. Rankin.

The following churches were not represented: Aberdeen, Bakers, Barbacue, Bensalem, Bethel, Bethlehem, Big Rockfish, Bluff, Cameronian, Church of Covenant, Culdee, Cypress, Dunn, Ellerbee Springs, Euphronia, Flat Branch, Gala-

3.—Fayetteville Presbytery Continued.

tia, Gibson, Haywood, Hillside, Hope Mills, Iona, Jackson Springs, Kenley, Lebanon, Long Creek, Lumber Bridge, Lumberton, Marks Creek, Macedonia, Maxton, McMillan's, McPherson's, Midway, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Mt Vernon Springs, Oakland, Pee Dee, Philippii, Philadelphus, Pocket, Raeford, Roberdell, Rockingham, Salem, Sandy Grove, Shannon, Sharon, Sherwood, Shiloh, Smithfield, Smyrna, Spout Spring, St. Andrews, St. Paul's, Summerville, Troy, White Hill, Cameron Hill.

IV—Wilmington Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. McFadyen. 2		
Peter McIntyre		
A. D McClure	J. H. Thomas	St. Andrews
S. H. Isler		
P. C. Morton		
W. M. Shaw. 3		
A. M. Williams		
Edward E. Lane		
	B. F. Hall	Wilmington, 1st
	William Sloan	South River

The following ministers of Wilmington Presbytery were absent: Colin Shaw, James Kelly, J. D. Stanford, J. J. Hines, J. E. L. Winecoff, D. P. McGeachy.

The following churches were not represented: Beth Car, Black River, Bladenboro, Beulah, Burgaw, Caswell, Chadbourne, Clarkton, Chinquepin, Clinton. Cobb Mills, Croatan, Cronley, Duplin Roads, Elizabethtown, Faison, Grove, Harmony, Hebron, Hopewell, Hub, Immanuel, Keith, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. Williams, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oak Plain, Pike, Pollocksville, Richlands, Rockfish, Smiths, Southport, Stanford, Sweet Home, Topsail, Verona, Warsaw, White Hall, Whiteville, White Plain, Wildwood.

V—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. Z. Johnston		
R A Miller		
G. A. Sparrow	A. C. Miller.	Union
William Black		
J. W. Stagg, D. D	William Anderson	Charlotte, 2d
R. D. Stimson	W. J. Craven	Hopewell
T. J. Allison		
J. R. Howerton, D. D	J. H. McClintock	Charlotte, 1st
M. McG. Shields	A. M. Smyres	Gastonia
H. W. Hoon		
W. R. Minter		
G. T. Thompson		
S. L. Cathey		
J. R. Bridges, D. D		
G. L. Cook		
W. H. Davis. 2		
	C. A. Summerville	Paw Creek
	R. B Alexander	Graham St
	J. T. Kell	Banks

The following ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery were absent: J. J. Kennedy, J. R. McAlpine, S. C. Boyce, J. W. Moore, H. M. Dixon, J. M. Grier, R. C. Morrison, M. C. Arrowood, Jonas Barclay, A. A. Little, T. F. Boozer, M. A. Henderson, J. A. Dorrittee, S. H. Spencer, T. C. Croker, J. A. McMurray, A. H. Temple, J. J. Harrell, J. R. Millard, W. O. Sample, G. C. Huntington.

The following churches were not represented: Albemarle, Amity, Alton, Barclay, Belmont, Bessemer City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah—S., Beulah—U., Carmel, Castanea Grove, Cherryville, Columbus, Cook's Memorial, Dallas, Drusilla, Duncan's Creek, Forest City, Goshen, Henrietta, Hephzibah, Huntersville, Ironton, Kings Mountain, Lebanon, Lincolnton, Little Britain, Long Creek, Lowell, Machpelah,

5.—Mecklenburg Presbytery Continued.

Mallard Creek, Matthews, Mooresboro, Morven, Mount Holly, Mulberry, Mizpah, Newell, New Hope, Norwood, Olney, Pleasant Hill, Providence. Pineville, Philadelphia Polkton, Robinson, Rutherfordton, Ramah, Sandy Plains, Salem, Siler, Stanly Creek, Steel Creek, Sugar Creek, Sharon, Stevens, Shiloh, Shelby, Unity, Waxhaw, Wadesboro, Williams' Memorial, Waco, Westminster.

VI—Albemarle Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.		
Eugene Daniel, D. D.	Julius Lewis	Raleigh
F. W. Farries	J. W. Gulick	Goldsboro'
W. T. Walker.		
J. B. Morton		
James Thomas	H. M. McDonald	LaGrange
E. D. Brown		
A. R. Shaw	J R. Young. 2	Henderson
W. D. Morton, D. D.	S. K Fountain	Rocky Mount.
	J. J. Allen	Louisburg
E. P. Bradley		
	T. A Henry	Newberne
	E. F. Lamb. 3	Cann Memorial

The following ministers of Albemarle Presbytery were absent: C. N. Wharton, L. C. Vass.

The following churches were not represented: Atkinson Memorial, Aurora, Brookston Chapel, Dover, Falkland, Geneva, Grassy Creek, Greenville, Littleton, Nahalah, Nutbush, Oak Hill, Olivet, Oxford, Parmele, Roanoke Rapids, Shiloh, Strickland, Tarboro, Warrenton, Weldon, Washington, Wilson, Young's Memorial.

VII—Asheville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. T. Wade.....	....	.....
E. Mac Davis.....		.....
.....	.....H. N. Lockwood.	2 .Asheville .....

The following ministers of Asheville Presbytery were absent : D. T. Towles, E. A. Sample, R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. B. Cochrane, F. D. Hunt, R. P. Smith, R. S. Eskridge, T. W. DeVane, D. W. Douglas, S. W. Newell.

The following churches were not represented : Andrews, Bethel, Brevard, Bryson City, Centre, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Franklin, Hayesville, Hendersonville, Midway, Mills River, Morrison, Oak Forest, Smithside, Swannanoa, Upper Joy. Waynesville, Preston, Murphy.

Ministers present, 94 ; ruling elders, 60 ; total, 154.

The following minutes of official business, done by the Moderator, *ad-interim*, under the Standing Rules of Synod, were read and approved :

AD-INTERIM MINUTES.

Acts of the Moderator and business transacted since the last meeting of Synod at Asheville, N. C., in October, 1899.

MONROE, N. C., January 29, 1900.

To Rev. D. I. Craig :

Greeting—By virtue of authority vested in me as Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina, by Section 5, Sub-Section 20, of the Standing Rules of Synod, I hereby appoint you, the said Rev. D. I. Craig, of the Presbytery of Orange, Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod of North Carolina, Vice the Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, D. D., deceased, to act until next meeting of Synod and until your successor is elected.

Members of the Synod will take notice accordingly.

(Signed) WILLIAM BLACK, Moderator.

DAVIDSON, N. C., September 19, 1900.

To the Rev. D. I. Craig, Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina:

Greeting—Whereas, It has been brought to the official notice of the undersigned as Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina, that the following brethren, ordained ministers and members of our Synod, have died since our last meeting, viz: Rev Messrs W A. Wood, D. D., J. Alston Ramsay, D D, J. L. Wicker, George W. McMillan, Roger Martin, D. D., and Charles M. Payne, D. D.; now, therefore, I, the undersigned Moderator, as aforesaid, by virtue of authority vested in me, by Standing Rule 23, do hereby appoint the following committees to read a memorial sketch of the said deceased brethren at the next meeting of the Synod, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, in November next; that is to say:

Rev W. R. McLelland, a memorial sketch of Rev. W. A Wood, D. D.

Rev. C. A. Monroe, a memorial sketch of Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, D.D.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., a memorial sketch of Rev. J. L. Wicker.

Rev. A. McFadyen, a memorial sketch of Rev. Geo. W. McMillan.

Rev. H. M. Dixon, a memorial sketch of Rev. Roger Martin, D. D.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., a memorial sketch of Rev. Charles M. Payne, D. D.

(Signed) WILLIAM BLACK, Moderator.

The above named brethren were duly and officially notified by the Stated Clerk of their appointment to this duty.

A true copy.

Attest: D. I CRAIG, Stated Clerk.

The Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albemarle, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Ruling Elder John M. McIver were chosen Recording and Reading Clerks, respectively.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed, were approved without reading.

The hours of meeting and adjourning for the daily Sessions of Synod, were fixed as follows: From 9 o'clock a. m. to 1 o'clock p. m., with divine service at 11 o'clock a. m. From 3 o'clock p. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., and from 7:45 o'clock p. m., to adjourn at will.

It was made the first order of the day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Assembly's Committee for this Synod, in the matter of the Twentieth Century Fund.

The Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, of the Synod of Memphis, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

It was ordered that the Rev. Mr. Lumpkin, as the Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Ministerial Education, be heard tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., pastor of the Raleigh Church, then welcomed the Synod in a brief and cordial address, which was responded to by the Moderator in behalf of the Synod.

Synod then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, with prayer by the Rev. P. R. Law.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1900.

The Synod convened at 9 o'clock a. m., and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina, the Rev. J. E. Thacker and the Rev. D. P. Junkin, of the Synod of Virginia, were invited to sit as corresponding members and introduced to the Synod.

A communication from Norfolk Presbytery (Va.) stating that said Presbytery had overtured the Synod of Virginia to take such steps as might be necessary in relation to a proposed transfer of six counties in the northeast section of Albemarle Presbytery, N. C., to the Synod of Virginia. The communication was docketed for future consideration.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Rev. William Black, Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., Rev. James Thomas, Rev. M. McG. Shields, and Ruling Elders J. W. Lentz, A. C. McAlister, S. A. White.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—Rev. P. R. Law, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Rev. F. M. Farries, Rev. A. D. McClure, Rev. R. A. Miller, Rev. J. T. Wade, and Ruling Elders T. A. Henry, J. T. Kell, J. H. Summers, T. M. Cheek.

3. ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.—Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., Rev. E. Mac Davis, Rev. W. P. McCorkle, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Rev. H. T. Graham, Rev. R. M. Williams, Rev. B. B. Palmer, and Ruling Elders J. G. Hall, M. W. Hill, John McNeill, W. P. Beall.

4. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. J. B. Morton, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. T. Wade, Rev. E. P. Bradley, Rev. Daniel J. Currie, Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, and Ruling Elders J. J. Allen, C. A. Summerville.

5. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D D., Rev. J. Rumple, D D , Rev. S. Isler, Rev. W. T. Walker, Rev. C. G. Vardell, Rev. J. R Howerton, D. D., and Ruling Elders A. M. Smyres, J. W. Gulick, G. W. Denny, D. D. McKinnon.

6. UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D,, Rev. Robert E. Caldwell, D. D., Rev. A. R. Shaw, Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., Rev. J. P. McMillan, D. D., Rev. J. A. Gilmer, Rev. G. L. Cook, and Ruling Elders B. F. Hall, Dr. H. L. Smith, L. D. Heartt.

7. TREASURER'S BOOKS.—Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, Rev. C. Preston, Rev. G. T. Thompson, and Ruling Elders J. H. Thomas, H. M. McDonald.

8. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., Rev. W. R. McLelland, Rev. P. C. Morton, and Ruling Elders C. A. Summerville, J. H. McClintock.

9. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., and Ruling Elder Julius Lewis.

10. STATISTICAL REPORTS.—Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., Rev. A. McLaughlin, Rev. W. T. Matthews, Rev. G. T. Thompson, and Ruling Elders William Anderson, H. E. Shoaf.

11. SYNODICAL RECORDS.—Rev. David Fairly, Rev. J. McL. Seabrook, Rev. H. W. Hoon, Rev. R. S. Arrowood, and Ruling Elders H. G, Tyson. J. A Hodgin.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Rev. C. H. Dobbs, Jr., Rev. A M. Hassell, Rev. H. D. Le Queux, Rev. W. C. Brown, and Ruling Elders J. W. Lentz, J. D. McIver, W. L. Williams.

13. RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. ORANGE.—Rev. E. E. Lane, Rev. J. C. Kennedy, Rev. J. L. Yandle, and Ruling Elders M. D. McNeill, D. D. Sinclair.

2. CONCORD.—Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. K. A. McLeod, Rev. C. E Hodgin, Rev. W. A. Murray, Rev. R. D. Stimson, and Ruling Elders J. W. Millner, A. L. James.

3. FAYETTEVILLE.—Rev. Cornelius Miller, Rev. W. R. Minter, Rev. L. M. Kerschner, and Ruling Elders C. W. Johnston, J. H. Thomas.

4. WILMINGTON.—Rev. W. F. Thom, Rev. J. W. Goodman, and Ruling Elders R. B. Alexander, A. C. Miller.

5. MECKLENBURG.—Rev. E. D. Brown, Rev. W.

S. Wilson, Rev. S. L. Cathey, and Ruling Elders W. T. Craven, W. L. Williams.

6. ALBEMARLE.—Rev. W. C. Brown, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, and Ruling Elders Henry Fairly, D. D. Sinclair.

7. ASHEVILLE—Rev. John Wakefield, Rev. J. C. Kennedy, and Ruling Elders J. M. McIver, John McLean.

The annual report of the Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary.

The reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence, Statistics and the Narrative, also the records of the Presbyteries, were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

Overtures from the Presbytery of Albemarle relating to the duties of the Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions, and the Orphan's Home, and from Fayetteville Presbytery, in relation to a plan for church building, were read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. Also an overture from the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read and referred to the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund.

The order of the day to hear the Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, D.D., Secretary of Ministerial Education, was postponed in order to proceed to the election of a Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod.

The Rev. D. I. Craig, of the Presbytery of Orange, was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod, to fill out the unexpired time of the Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., deceased.

The Synod then took recess for fifteen minutes, after which, according to standing rule, the Synod united in the celebra-

tion of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, which was conducted by the Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Rev. R. Z. Johnston.

The standing rule of Synod in regard to memorials of deceased ministers was, on motion, suspended, and it was ordered that Synod hear the memorials of ministers deceased since the last meeting tonight after the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.

The Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, D.D., the Assembly's Secretary, was then heard in the interest of Education for the Ministry.

Invitations were received from the State Institution for the Blind to visit that institution in a body, and from the ladies of the congregation of the First Church, Raleigh, to attend a reception to be tendered by them to the Synod.

These invitations were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, Rev. E. B. Stimson and Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, to report suitable answers.

Recess was then taken until 3 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1900.

Synod re-assembled at 3 o'clock, p. m., and resumed business.

The special Committee on the invitations from the Institution for the Blind and from the ladies of this Church, reported, recommending that Synod accept both invitations with thanks; that of Institution for the Blind, this afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock, and that of the ladies to-morrow afternoon from 5 to 6:30 o'clock. Adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Books. It is as follows :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. D. I Craig, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of North Carolina, for the year, ending November 1st, 1900

RECEIPTS.

The Treasurer's book and accounts were turned over to me in February, 1900, with no balance in hand from the last year.

Since that time I have received from Wilmington Presbytery the assessment for the year 1900 ..... $ 40 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To J. H. Brady, Balance on Printing Minutes of 1899	$ 34 22	
For Freight and Express on Archives, Books, etc	3 05	
For General Postage, Stationery, etc	1 07	$38 34
In Hand		$ 1 66

DUE FROM PRESBYTERIES.

From Orange, ½ of Assessment for 1899	$ 27 50
From Orange, Assessment for 1900	55 00
From Concord, Assessment for 1900	60 00
From Fayetteville, Assessment for 1898, 1899, and 1900	180 00
From Mecklenburg, Assessment for 1899 and 1900	130 00
From Asheville, Assessment for 1900	15 00
From Albemarle, Assessment for 1899 and 1900	40 00
Total	$ 507 50

Respectfully submitted,

Reidsville, N. C., Nov. 1, 1900. D. I. CRAIG, Treasurer.

The Committee on Home Missions obtained leave to retire from the floor of Synod for this afternoon.

A communication from Rev. D. Clay Lilly, Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Colored Evangelization, was read and referred to the Board of Directors of the North Wilkesboro Institute.

It was ordered that 1,000 copies of the Minutes of this Session be printed.

The Stated Clerk offered a report on the Records of Synod,

both written and printed, with recommendations. The report was received and adopted, together with its recommendations. It is as follows :

THE RECORDS OF SYNOD.

As Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina, and following the example of the Rev. Jacob Doll, as Clerk in 1861—see Written Minutes, Vol. 5, page 193, "I desire to present the following statements respecting the Records of this Synod ; so that in time to come, when inquiry is made concerning these documents, it may be known what records came into my hands, and what was their condition at the time of entering upon the duties of this office."

I.

THE WRITTEN MINUTES.

On February 28th and March 5th, 1900, I received by freight and express from Mrs. Ramsay, the widow of our late beloved Stated Clerk, boxes containing the following :

1. *The Written Records of the Synod of the Carolinas.*

These records are in two volumes, and they cover the entire period of the existence of the "Synod of the Carolinas" from 1788 to 1813, and they are complete, except the 10th Session, or the year 1797, which seems to have been hopelessly lost. These volumes were transcribed by the Rev. Colin McIver, "for the use of the Synod of North Carolina," after the division in 1812, and they are written on coarse, unruled, eight volume paper, and are unbound. They are tacked together after copy-book style, and the ink on many pages is fast growing dim from age. Otherwise these volumes are in fairly good condition.

It may be seen by consulting the above reference to Minutes, volume 5, page 193, that these two volumes of the "Synod of the Carolinas," together with the first nine Sessions or years of the "Synod of North Carolina," were comprised in "*one large, leather bound volume,*" which was in the possession of Bro. Doll in 1861, and it is presumed was in his possession at the time of his death in 1878. This old leather-bound volume is missing, and has not come into my hands.

2. *The Written Records of the Synod of North Carolina.*

Volume I. This volume covers the period from 1813 to 1826 inclusive. It is written on coarse, unruled 8 vo. paper. It is unbound, and the Minutes of each meeting are tacked together with a thread, and the whole is fastened together by means of a strong twine cord. This volume is complete, except the last two pages of the Seventh Session, or the year 1820, which have disappeared. This volume shows age, but as yet it is quite legible and is in fairly good condition.

Volume II. This volume extends from 1827 to 1840 inclusive. It is incomplete and in bad condition. The years of 1827, 1828, and 1829, as is well known, are missing and hopelessly lost. And the Minutes of the years 1833 and 1834 seem never to have been transcribed, but are in the form of notes, just as they came from the hands of the Temporary Clerk. About one half of this volume is written on large letter paper, while the other half is written on very coarse paper of much smaller size. Of course it is unbound, and it is impossible to bind it in its present shape. By consulting the above reference to Written Minutes, volume 5, page 193, it will be seen that the Synod ordered that this second volume, at least, be transcribed, and this order was repeated in definite form in 1883 and 1884—see Printed Minutes, Vol. 2, pp. 403, 524—but there is no evidence, so far as I know, that this was ever done.

Volume III. This volume extends from 1840 to 1846 inclusive. It is complete and well bound in leather, and is in good order, as are all the succeeding volumes.

Volume IV extends from 1847 to 1856 inclusive.

Volume V extends from 1857 to 1866 inclusive.

Volume VI extends from 1867 to 1876 inclusive.

Volume VII extends from 1877 to 1885 inclusive.

Volume VIII extends from 1886 to 1892 inclusive.

Volume IX extends from 1893 to ——. This volume (IX) is the one now in use, and it was written up to 1899 by Bro. Ramsey. The Minutes, however of the last Synod at Asheville, N. C., were not recorded by him at the time of his death.

II.

THE PRINTED MINUTES.

I received from Mrs. Ramsay a box containing the following separate copies of the Printed Records of the Synod of North Carolina, for the following years :

For the year 1881—3 copies.
For the year 1882—2 copies.
For the year 1889—7 copies.
For the year 1890—20 copies.
For the pear 1891—60 copies.
For the year 1892—41 copies.
For the year 1893—293 copies.
For the year 1897—104 copies.
For the year 1898—106 copies.
For the year 1899—115 copies

From this statement it appears that the Synod of North Carolina does not possess in its own keeping, and in its own archives, its printed minutes, except for ten years only, of all its history ; and these ten years are of recent date and long since 1861, the beginning of the Southern Presbyterian Church. There is no Standing Rule requiring the Stated Clerk to file a copy of the minutes in the archives, and not a single volume of the printed minutes has ever been bound and preserved by the Synod. It must be remembered, however, that Standing Rule 11 requires the Stated Clerk to forward a copy of the minutes each year to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary, Davidson College, and the Historical Society in Philadelphia, but these are not in our own keeping.

I also received from Mrs. Ramsay, one large empty chest, or perhaps properly called "The Archives of Synod." It is in good condition except the lock is broken and the key is missing. Also one copy of Alexander's Digest, one very old leather bound book containing "Decisions of Synod," one account book, one small blank book and two tablets, two gavels, some blanks for enrolling Synod, some statistical reports, a few pens, penholders, pencils and rubber bands.

No files of papers or documents of any kind have come into my hands except the notice of appeal and letters pertaining thereto, in the judicial case of William Alderman.

In view of the foregoing report, and in connection with it, I venture to offer the following recommendations .

1. That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to examine into the condition of the two volumes of written minutes of the Synod of the Carolinas, and also of the first and second volumes of the written minutes of the Synod of North Carolina, and report their judgment at this meeting, as to the best method of preserving these docu-

ments.

2. That the Stated Clerk be directed to find and recover, if possible the missing old leather bound volume of the minutes of the Synod of the Carolinas, and also that he be directed to find and collect together, if possible, a complete and unbroken set of the printed minutes of the Synod of North Carolina, especially since 1861, and to have the same bound at the expense of the Synod, in suitable volumes, and deposited in the Archives of Synod.

3. That the Standing Rule 11, of Synod, which directs the Stated Clerk to forward a copy of the printed minutes to certain places, annually, be amended by adding the words, "and he shall file at least one copy in the Archives of Synod."

4. That it shall be a Standing Rule hereafter in this Synod, that whenever a Stated Clerk shall enter upon the duties of his office, he shall report to the Synod in full of whatever he may have received from his predecessor, and the condition of same when received.

Respectfully submitted,
D. I. CRAIG.

The Moderator appointed the following Special Committee as provided for in the first recommendation of the above report: Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., Rev. D. J. Currie and Ruling Elder S. A. White.

The order of the day to hear the Rev. Dr. Law, in the interest of the Bible Cause, was postponed until tomorrow morning after divine service.

On motion it was ordered that the Synod hereafter have a permanent Committee on the Sabbath.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to constitute the committee: Rev. H. T. Graham, Rev. F. W. Farries, Rev. D. J. Currie, Rev. E. Mac Davis, and Ruling Elders B. F. Hall and Julius Lewis.

The Synod then took recess until 7:45 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1900.

Synod met after recess at 7:45 o'clock p. m., and, after devotional exercises, heard the report of Synod's permanent Committee (Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., Chairman,) on Foreign Missions. The report was received, and addresses were made by the Rev. John W. Davis, D. D., a returned missionary from China, and by Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., the Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions. A collection for the cause was taken, amounting to $65.74. The report was adopted with its recommendations. The recommendations are as follows:

Resolved, first of all, to fill up more nearly the measure of our duty to the world that lies in sin, by a fuller consecration of all that we are and all that we have and all that we can do to him who has bought with such a price.

Let it also be our new-formed resolution to pray more earnestly for the coming of the kingdom and to study more intelligently the work and the problem of evangelizing the world for Jesus. And, that we may further both these high aims, let us resolve again that as pastors and elders we will enlist all possible agencies of the Church—her men and her women, together with her children in the home and in the Sunday-Schools—to hasten the time when King Immanuel shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run. Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. GRAHAM, Agent.

On motion the address of Rev. J. H. Lumpkin D. D., on Ministerial Education was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. P. R. Law, Rev. S. A. Scott, Rev. A. T. Graham and Rev. W. J. Tidball, to report on the subject matter therein contained.

Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., of the Synod of Nashville, and the Rev. G. W. Butler, of the Synod of Brazil, were invited

to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Synod.

The following memorial sketches of ministers deceased since the last meeting of Synod were then presented and read :

IN MEMORY
OF
REV. ANDREW WOOD, D. D.

The Rev. Andrew Wood, D. D , peacefully and quietly passed away from earth, on the 2nd day of April, 1900, in the 69th year of his age, in the full assurance of faith and hope of a blessed immortality.

Mr. Wood was born of pious parents and reared in the bounds of Third Creek Church, Rowan county. He received his preparatory education at the common schools of the neighborhood and at Ebenezer Academy, Bethany Church, Iredell county, under the tuition of the celebrated teacher Mr. Hugh R. Hall, and entered Davidson College in 1848, from which he was graduated in 1852. He received his theological education at Princeton and Columbia Theological Seminaries and at The Free Church College, Edinburg, Scotland, under some of the most celebrated and gifted teachers of theology in the Presbyterian Church. He diligently improved his excellent opportunities of preparation for his life's work. On the 28th of May, 1856, he was received under the care of Concord Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. On the 17th day of June, 1857, Mr. Wood was licensed by the same Presbytery to preach the Gospel, and on the 23rd of July, 1859, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry and installed pastor of Bethany, Tabor and Fifth Creek churches. His pastoral relation with these churches was dissolved Dec. 6, 1860, and he was dismissed to unite with Orange Presbytery, to take

charge of the Presbyterian church at Washington, N. C., over which church he was installed pastor June 29th, 1861. Mr. Wood served this church until the congregation was scattered by the approach of the Federal troops and it seemed desirable, or perhaps necessary, to cease his work there and to give up the field. He then entered the army as chaplain of the Fourth Regiment of North Carolina troops, and served them with sincere devotion and great faithfulness until forced by failing health to resign the place and leave the army. It continued to be his delight to preach to the soldiers when the opportunity was offered. He was highly esteemed and loved by the soldiers whom he so willingly served.

In the years 1863-64-65 Mr. Wood supplied the church of Asheville, N. C, where his memory is still held in the highest regard. From 1865 to 1869 he preached at Third Creek, the church of his childhood, and at other neighboring churches. In 1869 he became pastor of the Statesville church, where he labored among a devoted people for more than thirty years, and until the Master called him up higher. It is not too much to say that Dr. Wood had the sincere love, the perfect confidence and the greatest respect of all who knew him, both young and old, white and black, Jew and Gentile. He was the friend of all, and desired the good of all, and received the friendship of all. A few months before his death a vast congregation assembled in his capacious church, as an expression of their interest in and love for him, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of his pastorate with appropriate exercises. In this service two of the ministers who aided in his installation thirty years before, and who had been lifelong and devoted friends, took part, and together with the pastors of the different churches of the town, a representative of the Jewish synagogue and others, made addresses giving testimony to the universal love and esteem in which our beloved brother was held and to his integrity and faithfulness to truth and duty, and the young men of his congregation as an evidence of their affection, confidence and high regard for him presented to him a handsome gold watch.

Dr. Wood was a close and diligent student, even up to the latter days of his life, and as a preacher, in the opinion of many of those privileged to hear him often, he had few equals. He always received the interested attention of an intelligent audience, as well as that of others, by his clear, concise and convincing statements of gospel truth. Dr. Wood was a modest and unassuming man, but when truth and duty demanded he was fearless in the statement and defense thereof. As a pastor he was faithful, tender, sympathetic, and gifted in giving instruction, comfort and

help to the sorrowing and to those in conditions of need of such help.

As another has well written: "His body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery, Statesville, N. C., followed by such a procession as is rarely seen in our towns, by members of all denominations and of none, for all felt that his removal was a personal bereavement. His pure and noble life, his unworldliness, his patient and uncomplaining spirit, his devotion to duty, his humility and his faith in God furnish a shining example of the power of that precious gospel which he so faithfully preached for 43 years, and the memory of it all is a precious legacy to his brethren and to all who knew him and loved him."

W. R. McL.

IN MEMORY
OF
REV. JAMES ALSTON RAMSAY, D. D.

Rev. James Alston Ramsay was a native of Salisbury, N. C. He was a child of the covenant. His father was an active deacon in the Salisbury Church, his mother a godly woman of the Presbyterian faith and the daughter of a Presbyterian elder. At the age of 12 years the boy Ramsay was left without father and without mother; but the Lord cared for him and had him brought up by pious kindred in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." At the age of 18 years, feeling that he was called from an active business life to preach the gospel of Christ, he began at once to prepare for the great work. He entered Davidson College in 1870 and in 1874 graduated with the degree of A. B. In the same year he entered Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va., where he was graduated in 1877. Before completing his course of divinity he signified his acceptance of calls from the churches of Thyatira and Back Creek. He was both licensed and ordained by Concord Pres-

bytery, in whose bounds he spent his whole life. Licensed in April, 1876, and ordained in May, 1877, for a period of fourteen years he was the beloved and successful pastor of Thyatira and Back Creek Churches, with 257 souls added to these churches during his ministry. In July, 1891, he was installed pastor of Hickory Church, to which he gave his whole time until January, 1895, when he was called to preach the gospel also to the people in Newton. His field of labor for his last five years therefore was Hickory and Newton Churches. His last sermon was in Newton Church on the last Sabbath in 1899.

On the 11th of January, 1899, "he passed away" triumphantly before his weeping household, in the grace of the blessed gospel he loved so much to preach; and deeply lamented by his devoted people of Hickory and Newton.

In Concord, N. C., October 6, 1886, he was elected Stated Clerk of this Synod. So efficiently and acceptably did he discharge his duties that he was re-elected every three years thereafter without any opposition, and served the Synod in this honored capacity about 13 years and 3 months. In October, 1893, he was also made Treasurer of the Synod, which office he filled with entire satisfaction till the end of life.

In 1897 the honorary degree of "D. D." was conferred upon him by Clinton College.

He was happily married to Miss Belle McNutt, Hampden-Sidney, Va., October 17, 1877. In sickness and in health she was an "helpmeet" indeed. Unto them God gave a son and daughter, who with their widowed mother remain unto this present, and are hereby assured of the profound sympathy of the Synod.

Dr. Ramsay's hands were generally so full of the duties pertaining to his Synodical offices that he rarely took part in the discussion of any question before this body; but he was well known and highly appreciated by his Presbytery as a safe, sound and influential Presbyter, and an able, logical and popular preacher of "the word." He was one of the few preachers who have a combination of the pastoral and evangelistic gifts. He was honored with every office save one, and with nearly every position of trust or responsibility in the gift of the Presbytery.

This Synod, while sorrowing over the loss of a brother beloved and an officer so useful, would bow humbly to the will of God and bear record to the unswerving fidelity of Dr. Ramsay as Stated Clerk and Treasurer, and heartily commend as worthy of all imitation the punctuality and efficiency with which he performed his official duties. C. A. M.

IN MEMORY
OF
REV. JESSE LIVINGSTON WICKER.

Jesse Livingston Wicker was born at Sanford, N. C., Feb. 9, 1857. He was ordained by Mecklenburg Presbytery Oct. 19th, 1894, and became pastor of the Brevard and Davidson River churches, in Transylvania county. He continued to serve these churches until Dec. 1899, when he removed to Durham, N. C., to take charge of a mission in the cotton factory district of that city, under the auspices of the First Presbyterian Church. After four months of faithful service in this field he was called to his everlasting reward.

Mr. Wicker grappled to him with hooks of steel the hearts of those to whom he ministered. The plain people loved him for the simplicity of his character, and the poor found in him a friend of ready sympathy, whose generous heart ever kept him poorer for their sakes.

"Love had he found in huts where poor men lie;
His daily teachers had been woods and rills,
The silence that is in the starry sky,
The sleep that is among the hills."

IN MEMORY
OF
REV. GEORGE WHITFIELD MAC MILLAN.

George Whitfield Mac Millan, named in honor of his ancestor, the world famous preacher, George Whitfield, was born in Wilmington, N. C., July 24, 1850, and died in Kenansville, N. C., 1900. Graduated A. B., at Davidson College in June, 1871, and graduated at Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., in 1874, he was licensed by the Presbytery of Wilmington, March 21, 1873, and ordained by the same Presbytery, April 1875. The whole of his ministerial life was spent in Wilmington Presbytery, serving as Stated Supply many of its churches. His acquaintance with our doctrines and his knowledge of parliamentary law made him a valuable Presbyter. His clear view of truth, his blameless life, his lofty conception of duty, his gentle spirit and his strong faith in God made him a useful minister of Christ even in his retirement. Afflicted all of his life, it was a sore trial to him to give up the active work of the ministry, for his great desire was to preach Jesus. Of a submissive spirit, he never complained, but loved to talk to his intimate friends of God's great goodness to him. Lovable, he was much loved. Those near him say that in his last days he ripened rapidly for the kingdom of glory. Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his.

R. F. C.

IN MEMORY
OF
REV. ROGER MARTIN, D. D.

Rev. Roger Martin was born in Richmond, Va., on Sept. 7, 1831, and died in Charlotte, N. C., on Aug. 25, 1900, having lived 69 years. He was one of four brothers who became ministers of the word—all sons of an Elder of marked Presbyterian influence. He was educated at the University of Virginia, and taught school in Richmond and studied theology till the Civil War broke out, and then he served in the army around Richmond.

He was received into full communion in the Second Church of Richmond, and ordained and served as an Elder till he was licensed to preach by Montgomery Presbytery in April, 1870. He was subsequently ordained May 25, 1872, to the work of the gospel ministry by the same Presbytery, and served in Montgomery, Fayetteville and Bethel Presbyteries till 1888, when he was received as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery at Brittain Church in September, 1888.

He was married to Miss Margaret A. Tomlin on July 22, 1861. Sons and daughters were born and grew up to be a comfort to their parents, and all of them except one live to protect and comfort their widowed mother. Alexander, the youngest son, gave his life to the ministry before his father's death.

The last twelve years of his ministry were spent in the bounds of this Synod as pastor of churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery. Before he reached Presbytery in April, 1900, he had to stop at Gastonia and return home, sending in his resignation, which was accompanied by a protest from his people. But his vigor was rapidly failing, and he was taken to a private hospital in Charlotte and carefully attended, where he suffered

much in the flesh and mind, and died. In June, 1899, Davidson College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, just after he returned from the General Assembly, as a Commissioner, which met in the church in Richmond where his early manhood was spent.

He was a conspicuous member of his Presbytery, watchful and alert, and fearlessly defending the polity of the Presbyterian Church. Difficult ecclesiastical problems and delicate judicial questions were referred to him. His bold declaration of Presbyterian authority was always tempered with good humor and charity, which held us all in sweet and growing confidence in his integrity and righteousness.

As pastor he was faithful and zealous, fearlessly meeting his responsibility. *As preacher* he was earnest, always Calvinistic in his interpretation of Scripture and intolerant towards error in doctrine, but most catholic and fraternal towards brethren of other denominations. *As a companion and friend* he endeared himself to those whose good fortune it was to be near him and know him best. As such he wielded his greatest power, manifesting the tenderness of an intensely affectionate disposition and the sweetness of an humble Christian and the charm of gracious and courtly manners.

In transferring his name to the roll of deceased members, this Synod extends Christian sympathy to his bereaved family, and commends them to the favor of the Good Shepherd of us all. His death takes from our front ranks one of our strongest, bravest and best ministers of the word and loyal servants of our dear old Presbyterian Church and faithful stewards in the Master's vineyard.

"Help Lord! for the godly man ceaseth, the faithful fail from among the children of men;" Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. Z. JOHNSTON.

IN MEMORY
OF
REV. CHARLES MONTGOMERY PAYNE,
M D., D. D

The subject of this memorial, the Rev. Charles M, Payne, D. D., was a native of this State, but his immediate ancestry was of Virginian stock. He was reared in a household which breathed always the spirit of Christian devotion and love. The writer of this esteems it one of the rare privileges of his life to have been an inmate of the family in the first years of his ministry at Lexington ; and he was attracted from the beginning by the lad Charley, and an intimacy of friendship was formed then and there, which never suffered any estrangement in after years. As a youth he possessed the charms of disposition and manners which so adorn that period of life, and they never faded afterwards, making that simplicity and lovableness of character which distinguished him to the last.

He was in his seventeenth year when he united with the church, and after completing his preparatory studies entered Davidson College, where he approved himself as a diligent student and an apt scholar. Then, upon the breaking out of the war between the States and after it became evident that it was one to be fought to the bitter end, in the year 1862, he enrolled himself as a private soldier in the Confederate ranks, and served until the close, which found him a prisoner at Johnson's Island. He was a brave, enduring, faithful soldier through that bitter struggle, and was promoted to a lieutenantcy. After the war he studied medicine (his father and elder brother both were physicians) and obtaining his degree, he practiced the profession for two years, both at home and in the State of Georgia. Meanwhile the feeling that God had called him

to preach the gospel—a conviction he had entertained before he left home for college—grew upon him until he could no longer deny it, and he abandoned the practice of medicine and entered Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, at once, graduating after the full course in 1872. He was licensed and ordained by Orange Presbytery soon afterwards. His ministry, beginning in Orange, was continued in Wilmington and Concord Presbyteries, and finally ended in Albemarle as pastor of the Washington church, after 28 years, in all, of faithful service; ended early on the morning of the 13th of September last, quietly, painlessly, while the loved one at his side thought he slept, but the angel with silent wing was already bearing him to the mansion prepared for him in the Father's house.

The open secret of Dr. Payne's character was its goodness—its leading manifestation—largeness of heart, a warm, unselfish sympathy for his fellowman, always in touch with him in any conviction, always the genial companion, always ready to help, always tender in spirit toward the troubled. A good man and full of the Holy Ghost, and therefore of power. Power in the pulpit, in the sick chamber, in private and public counsel, in the social circle, in the church court.

The welfare of Zion always lay close to the heart. He was fully abreast of all movements affecting the progress of the kingdom of Christ, a warm friend of the Christian school and ardent advocate of missions, he was eminently successful in kindling the flame and ardor of a true zeal in the mind of the people he served. He was a model pastor, faithful, sympathetic, courageous and devoted, winning many souls for the Master. His preaching ability was of a high order, always attractive, impressive, full of the power of tenderness in the presentation of truth, and of winsome eagerness in his appeal to the hearer.

Dr. Payne possessed strong domestic affections, and his own home reflected the sweetness and charm of the home of his childhood. Sorrows came, thickly some times, to darken it, but never to quench the light of love, or to embitter its sweetness.

He was a companion of children and youth, delighting himself in their delights, and delighting them with his sunny humor and affectionate condefinces He gave his Sabbath schools his best thought and his most tender care, as containing the precious lambs of the fold, the best hope for the church and the world.

We mourn the loss of him as a fellow worker in the earthly ministries of our King and Savior, but we thank God for the gift of him to his

church in this Synod, and that He has, as we believe, removed him to a more exalted ministry in the Heavens, in that he was found faithful in the warfare of faith and truth here below.

The Synod, mingling its grief with theirs, offers the immediate family of our departed brother, and the near surviving relatives, its sincere sympathy and condolence with them in their great bereavement, and invokes upon them the blessing of our God with sustaining and comforting grace in their affliction. F. H. JOHNSTON.

Tender remarks were made by various members of Synod, after which the Memorials were adopted by a rising vote, and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes. The Synod was then led in prayer by the Rev. John W. Davis, D. D., and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Thursday, Nov. 15, 1900.

Synod met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

It was ordered that Synod hear the report of the Regents of the Orphan Home immediately after hearing the Rev. Dr. Law this morning at 11 o'clock.

An invitation was extended to the Synod by Prof. Dinwiddie, Principal of Peace Institute, to attend a reception to be given by that institution tomorrow evening, from 5 to 6 o'clock. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

An Overture from Albemarle Presbytery touching the transfer of certain territory within its bounds to the Presbytery of Norfolk, was read and referred, together with the communica-

tions docketed on yesterday from Norfolk Presbytery, to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following paper, presented by Ruling Elder Leo D. Heartt, looking to the encouragement of efforts made toward the establishment of Reformatories for boys, was received and adopted :

The Synod of North Carolina, profoundly impressed with the fact that multitudes of boys are being led into lives of corruption and vice, and, in their tender years are drifting into the jails and State penitentiaries of our country, would hereby express its solemn judgment, that most earnest efforts should be made by all Christian people to prevent the growth of this evil ; and to counteract it by positive influence for good ; and to this end the Synod would give cordial approval of all efforts looking to the establishment of reformatories through the land, especially in the State of North Carolina.

The Committee to examine the records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. J. S. Black, Chairman, reported that they have examined the same and recommended their approval, except "the Record of Calls do not specify the terms thereof." The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. Cornelius Miller, Chairman, reported that they had examined the same, both written and printed, and "find nothing worthy of disapprobation, and therefore would recommend their approval." The report was received and adopted.

The order of the day, namely, "The Consideration of Church and Christian Education, in Connection with the 20th Century Fund," was taken up. The Chairman of the Assembly's Committee for the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., made a report, which was received, and addresses were made by Dr. Stagg, Dr. J. R. Howerton and Prof. H. L. Smith, of Davidson College. The discussion was suspended at 11 o'clock to hear the Rev. Dr. Law, in the in-

terest of the Bible cause.

The Rev Dr. Skinner, of the Baptist Church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. T. H. Law, agent of the American Bible Society, was then heard in the interest of the Bible cause.

The annual report of the Board of Regents of the Orphan Home was presented and read by Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President of the Board. (See appendix.)

The report was received, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of: Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rose, D. D., Joseph Evans, A. D. McClure, W. R. Coppedge, and Ruling Elders J. G. Hall, J. M. Rogers, S. K. Fountain, and J. McClintock.

The Rev. Dr. A. A. Marshall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to Synod.

The Second Church, in the city of Charlotte, was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Drs. J. W. Stagg, J. R. Howerton, and Ruling Elders William Anderson and J. H. McClintock were appointed a committee to denominate the time.

The report of Synod's Committee on Publication and Colportage, Rev. R. D. Stimson, Chairman, was received and adopted. (See appendix.)

Recess was then taken until 3 o'clock p. m.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RALEIGH, N. C., Thursday, Nov. 15, 1900.

The Synod reassembled at 3 o'clock p. m., and resumed business.

The Committee to examine the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. E. E. Lane, Chairman, presented the following re-

port, which was received and adopted: "The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery, after examination, report that they have found the record fully worthy of approval, and would commend these Minutes as a model of good form, accuracy and neatness."

The Committee to examine the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. W. F. Thom, Chairman, made a report which was received, amended and approved, as follows: "Your Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery report that they have examined the same and find them correct, and recommend their approval."

The unfinished business, namely, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the 20th Century Fund, was taken up, and pending the discussion the order of the day, to hear Dr. Hazen, was temporarily suspended, and the Rev. C. W. Maxwell and Rev. C. M. Howard, of the Synod of Virginia, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and the Rev. G. H. Smith, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a vising brother, and they were introduced tc the Synod.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion was again suspended to hear the Rev. Dr. J. K. Hazen, the Assembly's Secretary of Publication and Colportage. Dr. Hazen was heard and his address referred, as to its subject matter, to the Committee on Publication and Colportage to bring in a suitable response.

Recess was then taken until 7:45 o'clock p. m.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RALEIGH, N. C., Thursday, Nov. 15, 1900.

The Synod met after recess at 7:45 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman, made the following

report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report that after careful examination of the Records they find nothing requiring the attention of Synod, as matters that might have demanded the notice of this body have already received careful consideration by our Presbyteries. L. B. TURNBULL, Chairman.

The Board of Directors of the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute, at North Wilkesboro, made the following report, which was adopted :

The Board of Directors of the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute recommend :

1. That Synod transfer and convey to the Trustees of the General Assembly all of the rights, title and interest of the said Synod in and to the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute, located at North Wilkesboro, N. C., to be used for the colored evangelistic work of said church, which is popularly known as the Southern Presbyterian Church, upon condition that said General Assembly, through its Committee of Colored Evangelization, assume all the outstanding liabilities of said Synod on account of said Colored Industrial and Colored Institute.

2. That all funds now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Institute be turned over to the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Committee of Colored Evangelization.

3. That when the transfer provided for in Article 1 of this report shall have been made the Board of Directors of the Institute be discontinued.

The Special Committee on the Report of the Stated Clerk concerning the Records of Synod made a report, which was received and recommitted.

The Synod then held a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. After religious exercises, the Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions, the Rev. E. E. Gillespie, made the report of the Synodical Committee. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. E. Mac Davis and Allen Jones, Jr., Evangelists in the western counties, and by Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Chairman of Home Missions in Albemarle Presbytery ; by Rev. William Black, Synodical Evangelist ; by Prof.

H. L. Smith, and also by Rev. Dr. Howerton, in the interest of Assembly's Home Missions. A collection was taken, amounting to $56.27. The report was received, and pending the consideration of its recommendations, the Synod adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Friday, Nov. 16, 1901.

The Synod met at 9 o'clock, a. m., and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee to review the Records of Synod, Rev. David Fairly, Chairman, reported "that they had examined the same, and find them correctly and neatly kept." The report was received and approved.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the report on Home Missions. The recommendations of the report were taken up seratim and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (See Appendix.) The following are the recommendations :

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Synod, recognizing its obligation and privilege of sending the gospel to the many destitute sections within our bounds, and being encouraged by the signal blessing attending the labors of our faithful teachers and evangelists, reaffirms its purpose to prosecute more vigorously the work already inaugurated, and to open new fields as rapidly as the liberality of God's people will permit

2. Synod directs the Committee to co-operate with Albemarle Presbytery in placing a man for all his time in the territory lying north and east of Albemarle Sound and east of Chowan river, and prosecute our work in that section as rapidly as means and men can be obtained.

3. That the Sunday Schools devote two collections annually to Synod-

ical Home Missions, said collections to be taken during the months of June and September.

4. That all the pastors, sessions and evangelists heartily support the Superintendent by giving him appointments with their congregations, and earnestly co-operating with him in his efforts to secure liberal contributions from their people.

5. That our present work may be sustained and enlarged, and new fields occupied, Synod undertakes to raise $10,000 during the ensuing year, and apportions the sum among the Presbyteries as follows:

Asheville	$400 00
Albemarle	700 00
Concord	1,800 00
Fayetteville	2,000 00
Mecklenburg	2,000 00
Orange	2,000 00
Wilmington	1,100 00
	$10,000 00

6 The Synod would express its sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance received from the Committee of Publication and Colportage, and commends it most heartily to the liberality of all the churche sof the Synod.

7. The Synod, recognizing the valuable services rendered our evangelists by the faithful and consecrated young men and women who have labored without compensation within our bounds during the past summer, hereby expresses its most hearty appreciation of what they have done in so greatly advancing the cause of Christ in our Home Mission territory.

8 The Synodical Home Mission Committee would recommend that the bequest of Mr. S. P. Alexander of $5,000 for Presbyterian Missions in North Caroiina be set apart as "The Alexander Gift and Loan Fund," and employed in destitute parts of the State in planting missions, schools, and in church erection, under the direction of a committee to be designated by the Synod, the said committee to use these funds in gifts and loans according to their judgment.

The Executive Committee of Home Missions was designated and appointed by a vote of the Synod. to receive and take charge of the bequest to Home Missions, according to recommendation 8, of the General Committee's report above.

On motion the Ruling Elders now serving on the Synodical Committee of Home Missions were re-elected for the ensueing year.

It was ordered that the Superintendent and General Evangelist of Synodical Home Missions, be included in the constitution of the Home Mission Committee.

The Rev. E. E Gillespie was re-elected by a unanimous rising vote, Superintendent of Synods work of Home Missions, and his salary was fixed at $1,200, and traveling and office expenses.

The Rev. William Black was re-elected General Synodical Evangelist for another year, by a unanimous rising vote.

The Synod's Permanent Committee on Church and Christian Education, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman, presented their report, which was received and adopted, with the understandiug that the financial statistics now lacking be furnished by the Chairman, who is absent from the meeting. (See Appendix.)

The unfinished business, namely, the consideration of the report of the Assembly's Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund, was again taken up, and, pending still further discussion, the Synod took recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

FOURTH DAY—Afternoon Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Friday, Nov. 17, 1901.

Synod met at 3 o'clock, p. m., and resumed business.

The Committee on the Treasurer's book, Rev. C. A. Munroe, Chairman, and to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee has examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer, and find the same neatly and accurately kept,

with proper vouchers for all disbursements. We beg to call the special attention of Synod to the arrears on assesment of the Presbyteries, viz :

Orange Presbytery is due assessment for one-half of the year 1899 and for 1900	$ 82 50
Concord Presbytery is due on assessment for 1900	60 00
Fayetteville Presbytery is due on assessment for 1898, 1899 and 1900	180 00
Mecklenburg Presbytery is due on assessment for 1899 and 1900	130 00
Albemarle Presbytery is due on assessment for one-half of 1900	10 00
Asheville Presbytery is due on assessment for 1900	15 00
Total	$477 50

We recommend that these respective Presbyteries be urged to pay their respective dues as soon as possible.

We find that the settlements made by the former Treasurer, Rev. Dr. J. A. Ramsay, ran from November 1st, of each year, and that the lamented Dr. Ramsay died the 11th day of January, 1900, and the Rev. D. I. Craig was appointed Stated Clerk and Treasurer, January 29th, 1900; therefore we recommend that Mrs. J. A. Ramsay be paid $25 for the first quarter of the Synodical year, ending February 1, 1900, and that Rev. D. I. Craig be paid $75, for the balance of said year.

The Permanent Committee on Colored Ezangelization, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman, presented their report, which was received and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence. Rev. J. B. Morton, Chairman, was presented and approved. It is as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENIFICENCE.

We Your Committee Respectfully Report as Follows the Contributions from All the Presbyteries Within Our Boundaries.

	Albemarle.	Asheville.	Concord.	Fayetteville.	Mecklenburg.	Orange.	Wilmington.	Totals.
Presbytery Home Missions	$ 625 86	$1,955 00	$ 2,391 00	$1,201 00	$ 7,112 10	$ 2,639 00	$2,339 65	$18,263 81
Synod Home Missions	812 20	212 90	1,163 00	2,065 00	1,253 13	2,582 00	886 11	8,974 34
Assembly Home Missions	202 05	30 27	205 00	305 00	975 98	358 00	174 40	2,250 70
Foreign Missions	2,695 57	1,280 25	3,009 00	3,371 00	4,020 55	4,828 00	1,496 28	20,700 10
Publication and Colportorage	128 63	16 76	107 00	184 00	248 98	154 00	81 37	920 75
Education candidates for ministry	245 93	149 19	545 00	334 00	954 41	555 00	531 98	3,315 51
Church and Christian education	66 25	.....	1,779 00	175 00	4,661 26	275 00	.....	6,956 51
Relief fund	143 81	56 00	181 00	220 00	318 80	407 00	131 03	1,457 64
Colored Evangelical work	119 23	75 00	129 00	195 00	320 36	243 00	94 12	1,175 71
Bible Cause	48 11	21 00	16 00	67 00	90 34	109 00	66 27	447 72
Synod Orphan Home	466 55	.....	1,203 00	1,010 00	460 64	1,340 00	257 98	4,728 17
Miscellaneous	1,063 67	.....	937 00	692 00	.....	3,441 00	757 36	6,891 04
Total	$6,617 86	$5,165 71	$11,695 00	$9,819 00	$21,116 55	$16,931 00	$6,843 55	$76,081 70
Increase	2,241 98	.....	2,571 00	20 14	4,129 67	4,256 00	.....	
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,504 76	
Number churches contributing	all	.....	50	78	59	53	38	
Number churches contributing to all objects	5	.....	9	13	16	14	5	
Number contributing to 1 or more	25	.....	46	.....	42	53	38	
Churches made no report	.....	.....	8	3	16	4	10	

Total increase, $16,211 00. Net increase, $14,707 00.

There is a marked increase in the contributions from all of the Presbyteries, except that of Wilmington. There are a few churches within the bounds of every Presbytery which are not reported as contributing anything to any cause, except that of Albemarle, in which every church contributes to one or more of the causes. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Morton, Chairman; F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. T. Wade, E. P. Bradley, Daniel J. Currie, H. L. Bradshaw.

The following resolution on Public Charities was presented by Rev. C. A. Munroe and adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina recognize in the public charities of the State a work in which every citizen, and especially every Christian, has an active interest.

Resolved, That the care of the insane in hospitals of this State, having had its beginning in the love and sympathy of a noble Christian woman, that our State institutions, founded for this purpose, deserve the declared sympathy of all Christian organizations, and therefore this Synod heartily commends them to the people of the State as worthy of their dutiful consideration.

The Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause, Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman, offered their report, which was received and its recommendations adopted. The recommendations are as follows :

1. That the ministers of this Synod lay this great cause to heart, and inform themselves and their people of the main features of the work. To this end the *Bible Society Record* and other publications can be procured through Dr. Thomas H. Law, Spartanburg, S. C.

2. That the pastors of churches be careful to remember and bring to the attention of their people the time of the collection for the Bible cause—the 3rd Sabbath of October. For this purpose envelopes and leaflets can be had from Dr. Thomas H Law.

3. That the Sabbath Schools, especially the children, be instructed in the work, and shown that by their small efforts they may accomplish great things for Christ and souls.

We have great cause for gratitude to God for the far-reaching work of this power in His hand. But by all means the Committee would urge the Synod unto greater zeal and interest in this matter, that we may have greater share in this grand and glorious work of turning the hearts of the nation unto God.

The unfinished business, namely, the consideration of the Report of the Assembly's Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund, was resumed and concluded. The report was adopted as a whole, and as amended and adopted it is as follows :

That the Synod adopt the report of the Assembly's Committee, with its recommendations.

The Committee appointed by the General Assembly in session at Atlanta to formulate a report and submit to the Synod on the Twentieth Century Fund, beg leave to offer the following :

To raise one million dollars in our Southern Church for the one cause of education, it is necessary to have the very best methods and plans.

We recommend :

First That the sum the Synod shall undertake to raise for this cause, in addition to the amounts already subscribed, which shall also be credited to the Fund, shall be three hundred thousand dollars.

Second. That we undertake to secure subscriptions for this amount, payable in one, two, three, four and five years.

Third. That no representative of any school, college or seminary in the bounds of the Synod of North Carolina, or of any other Synod of our Assembly, canvass in this Synod for any particular institution except under direction of the Presbyterial Committee, and all moneys hereafter so secured are to be credited to the three hundred thousand dollar fund which Synod proposes to raise.

Fourth. As far as possible, all subscriptions should be made to the general fund, subject to division in the predetermined ratio, but if any donor prefers to designate the object of his benefaction, the gift shall be applied as he wishes and be exempt from division.

Fifth. That each Presbytery, through its committees, arrange for and superintend the canvass to be made within its bounds.

Sixth. In order to prosecute the work at once Synod requests each Presbytery at an early date to call meetings for the appointment of committees to take this work in hand.

Seventh. That the money so raised be distributed among our educational institutions as follows : $125,000 for Davidson College, $50,000 for Union Seminary, Virginia, $100,000 to the schools and colleges under care of the Presbyteries. $25,000 to the Assembly's Treasurer of the million dollar fund, for the general cause. If the entire $300,000 is not raised, then the ratio as indicated above shall govern the distribution.

Eighth. That the Presbyteries through their committees arrange for popular meetings to be held during the next spring session in the interest of Christian education, preparing such programs and such speakers as will arouse enthusiasm in the Twentieth Century movement.

Your Committee regards it as absolutely necessary that the Synod

recommend the raising of a definite amount, and likewise recommend a definite ratio of distribution, so that there can be no confusion or wrangle over the claims of special institutions when the canvass is made. Each Presbytery should either formally accept the ratio recommended by our Synod, or form some other operative within its own bounds, setting apart for Davidson College, Union Seminary and the Assembly's Treasurer their portions of the whole amount raised in the Presbytery, and distributing the portion for local Presbyterial Institutions as it deems best.

In order to raise so large a sum of money it is necessary that the canvassers be able to talk *money* straight and definite, and not go into details of the need of any special school, however prominent or however obscure.

Your Committee believe that the sum of three hundred thousand dollars can be raised in the bounds of our Synod, if we once succeed in impressing the people with the great want of endowment in our institutions of learning.

We suggest that the Presbyterial Committees work in conjunction with the Synod's Committee, thereby avoiding any confusion with the methods and plans of the Assembly's Committee.

JOHN W. STAGG,
GEO W. WATTS.

That in carrying out the General Assembly's plan the Synod recommend the method set forth in detail in the paper accompanying the report of the Assembly's Committee, as follows:

Plan of Campaign.

The first plan suggested for raising the Twentieth Century Fund, which is simple, easy, natural, and already partially entered upon, is as follows:

Let each church institution seek to increase its own endowment and equipment, the Synod and Presbyteries authorizing a canvass of all our churches, and the representatives of the institutions reporting all funds raised to the Presbyteries.

THE OBJECTIONS TO THIS MODE OF RAISING THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

1. It is expensive. There will be several salaried financial agents set to work, whose salaries must come out of the contribu-

tions received.

2. It is unjust to the smaller institutions, which need help most, but are financially unable to employ a competent agent.

3 As no church is willing to be canvassed several times in succession for the same cause, each institution must pick up the first available man and put him in the field at once before its competitors have visited the important churches.

4. As the best men for the purpose are generally hard to get, being occupied with their own work, this will prevent putting the work in the hands of our strongest men.

5 This haste, rendered necessary by competition, will lead to a skimming of the whole field in less than a year, thus sealing it against future thorough canvassing.

6 In such a hasty visitation mere money getting will be the only end in view, to the neglect of the educational feature of the campaign.

7. A church will not contribute liberally to one canvasser when expecting a visit in the near future from another, nor the second canvasser, on the plea that it has already contributed.

8. Such a competition for the Church's liberality will inevitably lead to rivalry, jealousy and ill feeling among the officers and trustees of our various institutions, which should work in the fullest harmony.

9. In such a competitive campaign, zealous canvassers for one institution will be certain, either in public or private, to depreciate the work, importance, needs or claims of their rivals, thus fatally confusing the minds of the people, and permanently injuring the common cause.

No plan should be adopted which is not in accordance with the following

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT:

1. Undue haste should be avoided. It is neither necessary nor desirable, as the Assembly's purpose was to have the work extended over several years.

2. The strongest men we have should be utilized as far as possible. These can spare the time only at intervals, being occupied

with their own work. There should be no skimming of the field by inefficient laborers.

3 The campaign should be made distinctly and thoroughly and permanently *educational*, not a mere raking of the field for money. Knowledge of the educational work of our Church, a clear perception of its value, and a hearty and permanent interest in it, are of more value and fruitfulness than the mere collection of money.

4. There should be heartfelt sympathy and cordial co-operation among our different educational institutions. If rivalry, hard feelings and jealousy are to be aroused by the campaign it should never be undertaken.

The following plan of campaign would be in accordance with the above principles :

ACTION TAKEN BY THE SYNOD.

1. Synod should heartily commend the enterprise to all the Presbyterians of North Carolina, and advise that all of our churches should be open to those canvassing for it.

2. Should suggest that each Presbytery appoint a committee of two, preferably living within easy reach of each other, to take charge of the work in its bounds.

3 Synod should recommend a definite ratio according to which general subscriptions should be divided among Union Seminary, Davidson College, the Assembly's Treasurer and the local institutions under care of the Presbyteries.

4 Synod should appoint a Synodical committee of three members to have general supervision.

The duties of this Synodical committee shall be :

1. A general oversight of the work.

2. Entire control of the work till the Presbyterial committees are appointed.

3. Gathering of statistics and presentation of annual report to the Synod.

4. Correspondence and co-operation with similar committees appointed by other Synods.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Each Presbytery should formally accept the ratio recom-

mended by the Synod, or adopt a different one, to be applied to all sums collected for the general fund within the Presbytery, distributing them among Union Seminary, Davidson College and local institutions under care of the Presbytery.

2 Should authorize and encourage the enterprise, and urge all pastors to heartily co-operate with the canvassers.

3. Should appoint a committee of two to superintend the work in the Presbytery, preferably selecting those who are not officers of any institution seeking aid from the fund.

DUTIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall initiate, superintend and control all canvassing for the Twentieth Century Fund in the Presbytery.

2. In this work they shall freely avail themselves of suitable canvassers, pastors, laymen, officers of educational institutions, etc , and shall be empowered to put a salaried agent in the field, should they deem it desirable.

3. They should keep full records of all subscriptions, conditions of payment, etc., canvassers forwarding one copy of them and leaving one with the church treasurer for collection.

4. This committee shall act as treasurer of all funds collected, receiving them from canvassers or church treasurers, and shall disburse them to the proper institutions.

5. They shall be empowered to reimburse canvassers, speakers, etc., for necessary traveling expenses, should such reimbursement be desired.

6. They shall submit to each meeting of Presbytery a full report of all work done and shall, previous to each meeting of Synod, forward to the Synodical Committee a condensed report of same.

7. They shall keep the progress of the campaign prominently before the people by full reports to the church and secular papers, especially to THE PRESBYTERIAN STANDARD.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE MODE OF CANVASSING IN EACH CHURCH.

1. The Presbyterial Committee should select the date of the canvass, after consulting with the pastor of the church, engage the speakers and arrange the program.

2. There should never be less than two canvassers, besides the

pastor of the church.

3. The meeting should be fully advertised and prepared for long in advance.

4 The educational and permanent features of the campaign should be emphasized and made prominent, not mere money-getting alone.

5 A series of addresses should, therefore, be made, discussing the various phases of the subject. The following are suggested: The Presbyterian Church and Education; The Place and Work of the Christian College; The Costliness of Modern Higher Education and the Necessity of Endowments; How the College Helps the Church; The Needs of Our Institutions; The Dividends Which College Endowments Return to the Church; The Power of Educated Christianity; The Place of Religion in Education; The Colleges and Home Mission Work; The College and Foreign Missions.

6 As far as possible, all subscriptions should be made to the general fund, subject to division in the predetermined ratio, but if any donor prefers to designate the object of his benefaction, the gift shall be applied as he wishes, and be exempt from division.

7. The church treasurer shall keep a record of all subscriptions, collect them when due, forward as soon as collected to the Presbyterial Committee and take a receipt therefor.

The Synod appointed as its Supervisory Committee, provided for in this paper, to act conjointly with the Assembly's Committee, consisting of Dr. J W. Stagg and Mr. George W. Watts, the Rev. Robert E Caldwell, Rev. A. R. Shaw and Mr. John M. McIver.

That Synod adopt the report of the Assembly's Committee, with its recommendations.

The Committtee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, to which was referred the annual report of the Board of Trustees of this Institution to this Synod, would report as follows:

The Synod would express its devout gratitude to God for the continued health of the faculty and students during the past year, and for the sig-

nal prosperity granted this beloved Seminary since its removal to Richmond, Va.

It would record its full appreciation of the kindness and liberality of Mr. George W. Watts of our Synod in completing the handsome chapel annexed to the Watts Hall. Synod would also cordially approve the action of the Board of Directors and Trustees in appointing Dr. W. W. Moore their financial agent, for raising $170,000 for the general endowment to supplement the $30,000 promised by a member of this Synod so as to secure an additional endowment of $200,000. The Synod would further pledge its hearty co-operation with Dr. W. W. Moore in the prosecution of this needful and important work.

The Synod would also urge that as in former years the Seminary shall be regularly represented at the annual meetings of this body by some member of its faculty, deeming this practice promotive of the best interests of this Institution.

Your Committee would also recommend that the members of the class of Directors whose term expires at this time, consisting of Rev. R. P. Campbell, D. D , Rev. H. G Hill, D. D., and Dr. E. Nye Hutcheson be re-elected for another term.

The Special Committee, the Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman, to whom was referred the Report of the Regents of the Orphan's Home, and an overture from Albemarle Presbytery relating to the Home, presented the following paper, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home, and an overture from Albemarle Presbytery relating to the Home, beg leave to submit the following for the Synod's adoption :

First. The Synod recognizes with profound gratitude the blessing of God, which has so manifestly rested upon the Institution for the past year; expresses its approval of the report of the Board of Regents, and grately commends them, the Superintendent and other officers for their wise and faithful management of the Orphans' Home.

Second. The Synod rejoices in the knowledge of the completion of the home for the Superintendent, so long needed, and expresses its grateful appreciation of the labors of the Rev. E. E. Gillespie to this end, and of the munificent liberality of Mr. George W. Watts.

Third. The Synod, profoundly impressed with the good work accomplished by this Institution, and hopefully looking to its even greater use-

fulness and prosperity, would lay especial emphasis upon the following:

1. Every Sunday School in the Synod is hereby again urged to make a monthly contribution to the support of the Orphans' Home. The Regents are requested to adopt some effective method of bringing this reiterated injunction of the Synod to the attention of all our Sunday Schools.

2. Our churches are urged to make the Thanksgiving Offering this year larger than ever before.

3 Our people are requested to remember the orphans on holiday occasions by tokens of sympathy, either in money or in provisions.

4. Whenever and wherever it is practicable our people are asked to collect and forward offerings of provisions for the support of the orphans.

5. All our churches are urged to make a liberal contribution to the Home on or near the second Sabbath in June, and the Superintendent is requested to remind the churches of this collection by sending a postal or circular letter to every pastor and session in ample time beforehand, bringing to their attention the needs of the Institution.

6 Our ministers are requested to mention often the orphans in their public prayers on the Sabbath, and at the weekly prayer meetings.

Fourth. In response to the overture from Albemarle Presbytery, your Committee recommends the following:

1. That this Synod has full confidence in the wisdom and carefulness of the Regents as regards supplies for the orphans, and of their diligence in informing the churches of their needs, and therefore advise the Regents to discourage, as far as possible, all anonymous or other unofficial appeals for aid.

2. The Synod hereby instructs the Board of Regents, through the Superintendent or other officer of the Institution, to send to the Presbyterial Agents, Ministers and Sessions regular quarterly reports in regard to the work and needs of the Orphans' Home.

Fifth. Finally, your Committee recommends the re-election of Rev. W R. McLelland and Dr. M W. Hill, whose terms of office expire at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. ROSE, Chairman.

The Special Committee, as provided for in the report of the Stated Clerk on the Records of Synod, Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., Chairman, whose report made on yesterday was recommitted, presented the following report, which was received

and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Stated Clerk in reference to the Records of Synod, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The thanks of Synod are due, and are hereby extended to our Stated Clerk for the painstaking work taken by him in reporting the state of the records.

2. The Synod renews the action taken November 15, 1883. (see min., p. 403), and hereby directs the Stated Clerk "to have the first and second volumes of the Records of the Synod of North Carolina, including the minutes of the Synod of the Carolinas, suitably transcribed in volumes convenient for use and ultimate publication, and to have the original minutes sent for safe-keeping to the library of Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, subject to the order of Synod."

The Special Committee, Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman, appointed to prepare a suitable response to the address of Secretary Lumpkin on Ministerial Education, presented the following paper, which was received and adopted :

The Committee to respond to the address of Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Secretary of Ministerial Education, would recommend that the Synod of North Carolina hereby express its pleasure at hearing his earnest presentation of the cause.

The Synod hears with sorrow that so few of the Christian youth of our Church are offering themselves as candidates for the ministry of the gospel. In view of this lamentable fact all the pastors of the Synod are hereby instructed to preach on the subject of a call to the ministry, laying the matter upon the hearts of the young men in our Church, and calling upon the hearts of Christian families to remember the need at the family altar and to lovingly present it to their sons. Synod also hears with interest and much regret the statement from the Secretary as to the presence now and then of unworthy candidates. The number of such men is confessedly small, but the fact that they are found even in a small number demands the prayerful attention of our Church courts.

The Synod would therefore urge :

First. That the Presbyterial Committees of Ministerial Education place every possible safeguard about this cause and insist that the sessions of the churches from which their candidates may come be required to certify that the moral and mental and physical equipments of the

youth asking for assistance in their preparation for the ministry is such that each shall show every reasonable promise of becoming a useful and earnest preacher of the gospel.

Second. That the Presbyterial Committees of Education keep in such touch with their candidates that they may be sure that they pursue the prescribed course of preparation for the ministry.

Third. That the Synod urge the Faculties of the colleges and the principals of the preparatory schools to report upon the moral character and faithfulness in student life, as well as standing in the class room, of each candidate upon their rolls.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman, reported, "No business put into their hands," and begged to be discharged. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Committee to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. E. D Brown, Chairman, made a report, "That they have examined the same, and find them neatly and accurately kept, and would recommend their approval, except, etc."

After discussion, the following substitute was adopted for the Committee's report:

"Except that it appears on pages 280 and 286, that Presbytery took money from the Invalid Fund for another purpose than that for which this fund is established."

At this hour the Synod, having accepted an invitation to attend a reception at Peace Institute, took recess until 7:45 o'clock p. m.

FOURTH DAY—Evening Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Friday, Nov. 16, 1900.

The Synod convened after recess at 7:45 o'clock p. m.

The Committee to examine the Records of Asheville Presbytery, Rev. John Wakefield, Chairman, presented the follow-

ing report, which was received and adopted :

We recommend the approval of the Records of Asheville Presbytery, with the following exceptions :

1. On page 170 it is stated that the Trustees of Davidson College reported their inability to attend the last meeting of Board of Trustees, but there is no record whether they were excused or not.

2. On page 194 it is stated that "The *Board* of Trustees of Davidson College was read and received as information." We suppose "*report* of Board, etc.," was read, etc.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. William Black, Chairman, reported answer to the overtures as referred to them as follows :

First. From Albemarle Presbytery—For Synod "to secure the services of one of its ministers for a part of his time, to be its agent for Synodical Home Missions, rather than the plan now adopted which requires the agent to spend most of his time visiting the churches, with the sole object of raising money for the work."

Answer : "We recommend that it be not adopted."

Second. From Albemarle Presbytery—"To consider at this meeting the propriety of transferring the six counties in its territory lying north of the Albemarle Sound and east of the Chowan River, to the care of the Presbytery of Norfolk, Synod of Virginia."

Answer : "Inasmuch as the Synodical Committee of Home Missions has decided to work this territory, we recommend that this overture be answered in the negative, and that the Stated Clerk be requested to make a suitable response to the Synod of Virginia."

Third. From Fayetteville Presbytery—"That a plan for church building after the plan of the Chandlers' Church Building Fund of the Synod of Mississippi be instituted, which is as follows :

That one promises to pay the sum of one dollar on the call of the Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Synod of North Carolina for the building of a church or manse in a community within the bounds of the Synod where the members are not able to raise the full amount necessary for building; provided that not more than five calls be made per annum."

Answer: We recommend its adoption, and that a committee be appointed to carry into effect the plan proposed.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and the following brethren were nominated and appointed a Committee on the "Chandler's Church Building Fund," as provided for in the above overture: Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., Rev. R. W. Hines.

The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate to the General Assembly the non-concurrence of this Synod with the Synod of Virginia in the matter of the cession of a part of its territory to the Synod of Virginia.

The Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of THE PRESBYTERIAN STANDARD.

The following resolution on Sabbath observance, offered by Rev. T. J. Allison and others, was adopted:

The Synod of North Carolina hereby condemns as a violation of the 4th Commandment the publication of newspapers, the reading of the secular papers, the running of railway trains, traveling, and the patronizing of the postoffice on the Sabbath day; and *not only so*, but *all works* upon the Sabbath, by whomsoever done, whether by the government, corporations, or individuals, except works of scriptural necessity and mercy.

The order of the day, to hear the report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools, was taken up. The report was read by Rev. J. McL. Seabrook in the absence of the agent, Rev. A. A. Little, who was detained from the meeting of Synod.

Addresses were made by Rev. J. T. Wade, Rev. A. D. McClure and Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D. The report and its recommendations were adopted. The following are the recommendations :

1. That Synod urge the Presbyteries to hold Sunday-School Conventions, and to arrange for Institutes among the churches.

2. That the following overture be sent to the General Assembly: The Synod of North Carolina expresses its gratification at the appointment by the last General Assembly of an *ad interim* committee to consider the best methods of preparing for our Sunday-Schools a system of Graded Bible Lessons, and respectfully overtures the General Assembly to give careful consideration to the report of this committee, to take the steps necessary to secure the end contemplated, and to continue the committee until the work be completed.

3. That Synod approves of the movement to secure a Sunday-School Secretary, and pledges itself to aid in his support.

The Committee to examine the Records of Albemarle Presbytery, Rev. W. C. Brown, Chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted :

"That they have examined these Records, and find that they have been very neatly and correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved, with the following exceptions :

1. There is no evidence that these Records were sent up to the Synod for review in 1899.

2. On page 131 it appears that the Presbytery appointed a committee, instead of a commisssion to organize a church.

The Synod then adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. Joseph Evans, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—Morning Session.

RALEIGH, N. C., Saturday, Nov. 17, 1900.

Synod met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. W. W. Pharr, Chairman, presented a tabulated report, which was received and adopted. It is as follows :

TABULATED STATISTICAL REPORT.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates	Candidates.	Communicants.	Funds Raised.	Admitted on Examination.	Admitted on Certificate.	Ministers Received.	Ministers Transferred.	Churches Org'z'd	Churches Trans	Licen. Received	Licen. Trans.	Candidates Rec'd	Candida's Trans.	Ministers Died.	Ordinations.	Installations.	Dissolution of Pastoral Relat's	Licensions	Pastors.	Evangelists.	Licentiates.	Stated Supplies.	F. Missionaries.	Vacant churches.	Average salary of Pastor.	Manses.	Aggregate val. of Manses.	Vacant Counties.
Albemarle	12	33	1	3	2225	$26306	118	92	1	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	3	3	2	6	5	1	...	1	3	$850	11	$22000	14
Asheville	12	23	1	1	1300	5165	103	64	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	1	3	1	9	725	4	6000	1
Concord	31	59	2	3	5681	30238	266	121	6	5	1	..	..	...	...	...	2	2	6	6	2	14	4	2	3	..	3	496	17	27725	1
Fayetteville	26	81	...	12	7629	26349	215	224	.....	.....	1	...	3	...	...	..	...	...	7	2	2	7	6	..	..	2	4	548	6	7900	...
Mecklenburg	40	75	1	18	8487	21116	352	157	6	5	1	...	1	2	2	...	2	1	9	4	..	21	1	1	5	1	5	723	21	46300	...
Orange	28	58	...	12	5850	44814	322	254	3	3	2	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	2	3	3	18	4	1	2	1	8	741	15	26000	1
Wilmington	14	48	...	4	3412	21005	160	70	.....	1	..	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	6	.....	...	5	1	..	1	..	1	655	3	11000	...
	169	378	5	63	34584	*$175023	5566	1282	17	18	8	2	9	8	6	2	6	5	35	30	9	76	21	6	14	6	33	4738	84	$156925	17

*This report is defective as to the amount raised for all causes. The total amount sent up to Assembly is $220,946.—STATED CLERK.

The Committee to Prepare an Address to the Churches, Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D.D., Chairman, presented their report, which was received and adopted. It is as follows:

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Synod of North Carolina to the Churches Under its Care:

Greeting—Grace unto you and peace be multiplied from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, the reports sent up to us from the Presbyteries under our care give much ground for encouragement and gratitude to God. Church attendance is good and increasing. Our people are growing in the grace of giving. Flagrant worldliness seems to be on the decrease. In many parts of Zion the Holy Spirit has been richly poured out. The contributions to Foreign Missions and to Home Missions are materially larger than they were last year. Our Synodical work in particular is in a more encouraging condition than for many years past, and the present year promises to be one of unusual activity and success.

But there are two painful and ominous facts brought out in the reports sent up to us to which we ask your serious attention:

1 Many of our churches do not pay their pastors the salaries promised them. Mecklenburg Presbytery reports sixteen churches delinquent in this respect; Orange Presbytery reports ten churches; Fayetteville reports that about one-half of her churches do not fully and promptly pay their pastors; Albemarle Presbytery reports that her churches "in general" pay what they have promised; Asheville Presbytery reports that the practice of her churches in this respect is "up to conventional standards;" Concord and Wilmington Presbyteries make no answer in their narratives to this important item of inquiry.

It is painfully plain, therefore, that many of our churches do not keep financial faith with their pastors. The effect of this unfaithfulness is evil in every way. It stains the congregational morals and reputation. It pinches and humiliates the pastor. It strains the bond of love and loyalty between pastor and people

Most affectionately, therefore, would we remind our delinquent congregations of the Apostolic injunction, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another."

2. The second fact to which we call the attention of our people is the deplorable increasing neglect of family worship. The reports from our churches in this respect are distressing in the extreme. It appears that

in the majority of our homes either the family altar has never been set up at all, or else has been discontinued, and that the "families that call on the name of the Lord" are every year becoming fewer in number.

Against the neglect of this powerful means of Christian nurture the Synod would make most earnest and affectionate remonstrance. The family altar is one of the essentials of a truly Christian home. Its abandonment means the certain deterioration of the religious life of the family, the church and the nation. In the name of every interest that is dear to the heart of Christ, we urge our people to give heed to this solemn warning, and to begin at once to rectify this great and growing evil, so that everywhere within our bounds the fathers, with the children, shall be found lifting up holy hands to God in prayer, with confession of their sins and thankful acknowledgement of His many mercies.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Respectfully submitted,

EGBERT W. SMITH. Chairman.

The permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman, made a report, which was received and approved. (See appendix.)

The Committee to nominate the time for the next meeting of Synod reported, recommending Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 1901, at 7:30 o'clock p m The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. R Z. Johnston, Chairman, presented the following report, which was approved:

1. EXCUSED FOR ABSENCE 1899.—Revs. A. A. Little, J. C. Kennedy T. A. Sprrrow. J. S. Black, C. Preston, S. H Isler, D. Fairley, A. McLauchlin, C. H. Dobbs; Rev. W. A. Gillon, Revs. A. M. Hassell, T. J. Allison.

2. EXCUSED FOR ABSENCE, 1900.—Rev. A. A. Little, J. J. Kennedy, R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. W. Siler, A. J. McKelway, D. D. R. C. Morrison; Rev. W. A Gillon and Rev. Wm. M. Shaw.

3. EXCUSED FOR TARDINESS, 1900.—Messrs. John W Davis, D. D., Joseph Evans and A. McFadyen.

4. EXCUSED AFTER WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, 1900.—Rev. H. D. LeQueux.

5. EXCUSED AFTER THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 1900.—Rev. G. A. Sparrow. A. M. Smyre, H G. Tyson, Rev. M. D. McNeill, Henry Fairley, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. A. McLauchlin, Rev. W. R. Minter, A. C. Miller, J. D. McIver, D. E. McIver, R. W Boyd, J. A. Gilmer, John McLean, Jas D. McIver, Daniel J. Currie, F. P. Venable, J. H. Thomas, Dr D. Sinclair, Charles W. Johnston, H. E Shoaf, Rev. C. Miller, D. D. McKinnon, Rev S. H. Isler, Rev. F W. Farries, Leo. D. Heart, Jas. McBryde, J. A. Hodgin, J R. McQueen.

6. EXCUSED AFTER FRIDAY FORENOON —Revs. D. Fairly, J. Rumple, D. D., G. T Thomyson, R. S. Arrowood, S L Cathey, G. L. Cook and R. D. Stimson; Messrs. W. P. Craven, J. W. Lentz, G. W. Denny, R. R. Miller. J. J. Keil, J H. McClintock, J. W. Summers, Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., Elder —— Sloan, C. H Dobbs, Jr., P. E. Morton, M. McL. McKeithen, W. N. Tate and H. N. Lockwood.

7. AFTER FRIDAY AFTERNOON.—J. W. Millner, A. McFadyen, J, McFadyen, J. M. McIver, Dr. M W. Hill, W. F. Thom. R: B. Alexander. William Anderson, S. K. Fountain, A. E. McNeill, E. D. Brown.

8. AFTER FRIDAY NIGHT —A. N. Furguson, P. R. Law, J. A. McNeill, A. C. McAllister. William M. Shaw, T. M. Cheek, J. R. Howerton, D. D., S. A. White, Prof. H L. Smith, J. G. Hall, T. Jacobs, W. S. Wilson, Rev. Joseph Evans and T Wade.

The Committee on the report of the Trustees of Synod, reported that nothing had come into their hands, and was discharged.

The Rev: D. I. Craig was elected Chairman of the Synodical Historical Committee, vice. Rev. Dr. Ramsay, deceased.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

The Synod of North Carolina would cordially tender its grateful acknowledgement to the Raleigh Presbyterian Church and congregation and other citizens, for their elegant hospitality; to the ladies of the congregation for the social reunion enjoyed; to the principal, faculty and pupils of the Paace Institute for the pleasing entertainment, to the Institute for the Blind for the reception given. to the churches of the city tendered for our use, to the newspaper reporters for the full reports of proceedings published, and to the railroads for aid given in attending this meeting; and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution of thanks from the pulpit.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel made a touching response to the above resolution.

It was moved and adopted that the Standing Rule of Synod, (21), be amended so as to read, that the Memorial Services of deceased brethren shall be held at the close the Synodical Communion.

It was moved and adopted that the Synod appoint as its Supervisory Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund Rev. R. E. Caldwell, D D., Rev. A. R. Shaw, and J. M. McIver, of Gulf, to act conjointly with the Assembly's Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. John W. Stagg and Mr. George W. Watts.

The Committee appointed to prepare a response to the address of Rev. Dr. Hazen on "Publication and Colportage," offered the following paper, which was adopted :

The Committee appointed to prepare a response to the address of Rev. James K. Hazen, D. D., the Secretary of Publication, report as follows : The Synod of North Carolina is deeply interested in the work of publication and colportage, and believe colportage and Sabbath School Missions to be a very important factor in the Home Mission work. We hereby promise on behalf of our churches and Sabbath Schools to give a liberal support to the cause represented by Dr. Hazen.

The following Standing Rules were enacted :

RESOLVED, That it shall be a Standing Rule of Synod that the last hour of each morning session of Synod shall be set apart for devotional exercises and preaching.

RESOLVED, That it be a Standing Rule that the afternoon of the second day of Synod be devoted to Committee work, and that the Synod recede from business for the time being ; and, furthermore, that no special orders or other business be transacted to interfere with the reading of reports or other papers on the morning of the second day

RESOLVED, That Synod enact among its Standing Rules the following, under the head of Committees : That the constitution of the Home Missions Committee of the Synod shall include the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Home Mission Committees, the Ruling Elders appointed from each Presbytery, the Superintendent of Home Missions, who shall be Chairman of the Committee, and the General Evangelist. The Ruling Elders, the Superintendent and the General Evangelist shall be chosen annually by the Synod.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to prepare and forward the usual statistical report to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly in the United States, that it consists of seven Presbyteries, and that these consist, in whole, of 160 ministers and 377 churches, having under their care 5 licentiates, 63 candidates, and 34,634 communicants, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates	Communicants.
1. Orange	28	58	..	12	5,850
2. Concord	29	59	2	13	5,681
3. Fayetteville	26	81	..	12	7,679
4. Wilmington	24	48	..	4	3,412
5. Mecklenburg	40	75	1	18	8,487
6. Albemarle	12	33	1	3	2,225
7. Asheville	11	23	1	1	1,300
Totals	160	377	5	63	34 634

The Synod further reports that the next Stated Meeting will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday, October 22, 1901, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 17, 1900

The roll was called before final adjournment, and the following members were not present, and their names do not appear on thr list of those excused by the Committee on Leave of Absence, viz:

Orange—Rev. Messrs. E. W. Smith, D. D., R. E. Caldwell, D. D., L. B. Turnbull, D. D., W. P. McCorkle, E. E. Gillespie, C. E. Hodgin, Dr. W. P. Beall, J. M. Rogers, J. R. Finley.

Concord—Rev. Messrs. J. C. Kennedy, W. C. Brown and C. Preston.

Fayetteville—Rev. Messrs. K. M. McIntyre, K. A. McLeod. R. W. Hines, J. L. Yondle, John McNeill, A. E. Rankin, A. L. James, R. H. Hayes and John McLean.

Wilmington—Rev. Messrs. Peter McIntyre, R. W. Williams and E. E. Lane.

Mecklenburg—Rev. Messrs. William Black, M. McG. Shields, J. W. Stagg, D. D., H. W. Hoon, J. R. Bridges, D. D., and C. A. Summerville.

Albemarle —Rev. Messrs. J. B. Martin, J. Thomas, A. R. Shaw, E. P. Bradley E. F. Lamb, J. W. Gulick, J. R. Young, H. M. McDonald, J. J. Allen, J. A. Henry and Julius Lewis.

Asheville—None.

The Minutes of this day's session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned with singing, and with prayer by Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., and with the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, 1901, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

W. D. MORTON,
Moderator.

F. H. JOHNSTON,
J. M. MCIVER, Temporary Clerks.

A true copy from the Records.

Attest:

D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

APPENDIX.

A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Orange reports :

1. 28 ministers ; 58 churches ; 0 licentiates ; 12 candidates, 5,580 communicants ; and forty-four thousand, eight hundred and eighty-four dollars, (44,884.00) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March, 31, 1900, being $3,142 more than was raised the year before.

2. 576 members were added to the churches during the year ; (a) on examination, 322 ; (b) on certificate, 254.

3. 3 ministers were received, viz. : Rev. L. M. Kerschner, April 20, 1900, from the "reformed Church in the United States ;" Rev. Oliver G. Jones. September 4, 1900, from Holston Presbytery, and Rev. J. H. Hammet, Ph.D., September 5, 1900, from Ebenezer Presbytery, Florida, Northern Church.

4. 3 ministers were transferred, viz. : Rev. J. A. Paisley, October 17, 1899, to Indian Presbytery ; Rev. S. S. Oliver, April 18, 1900, to Lexington Presbytery, and Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., April 19, 1900, to Roanoke Presbytery.

5. 2 churches organized, viz. : Ebenezer, January 1, 1899, and Jefferson church, July 22, 1900.

6. Churches dissolved or dropped, viz. : Oak Forest, dissolved, October 12, 1899, and Calah, dropped, April 19, 1900.

7. No licentiates received.

8. 2 licentiates transferred, viz. : J. C. Johnson, June 12, 1900, to Lexington Presbytery, and T. W. DeVane, June 12, 1900, to Asheville Presbytery.

9 No candidates received.

10. 1 candidate dropped, viz : C. H. Johnson, dropped from the roll of candidates without censure.

11. No ministers died

12. 1 ordination, viz. : William Andrew Murray, June 12, 1900.

13. 2 installations, viz : H. S. Bradshaw, at Enо church, December 11, 1899, and J. H. Hammet, PhD., at Little River church, September 6, 1900.

14. 3 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz. : H. S. Bradshaw and Little River Church, December 11, 1899 ; M W. Doggett, D. D., and Burlington Church, April 19, 1900, and J. A. Paisley and Madison Church, October 17, 1899.

15 3 licensures, viz. : J. C. Johnson, June 12, 1900 ; T. W. DeVane, June 12, 1900, and W. A. Murray, June 12, 1900.

16. 22 ministers in charge of 50 churches ; 18 pastors ; 2 stated supplies ; 4 evangelists ; 1 licentiate, and 1 foreign missionary.

17. 8 churches vacant.

18 $741 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19 15 manses, aggregate value, $26,000 ; rental value, $2,160

20. No church in 1 county, viz. : Alleghany.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Graham, N. C., on 11th day of April, 1901.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : D. I. CRAIG, Stated Clerk.

At Little River Church, on 6th day of September 1901.

II—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports :

1. 31 minister ; 59 churches ; 2 licentiates ; 13 candidates ; 5681 communicants; and thirty thousand, two hundred and thirty-eight dollars, ($30,238), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1900, being $5,819 less than was raised the year before.

2. 387 members were added to the churches during the year; (a) On

examination 266; (b) on certificate 121.

3. 6 ministers were received, viz: Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, April 20, 1900, from Roanoke Presbytery; Rev. A. S Caldwell, April 20, 1900, from Albemarle Presbytery; Rev. A. W. White, June 8, 1900, from Asheville Presbytery; Rev. J. A. Scott, September 3, 1900, from Tuskaloosa Presbytery; Rev. J. M McLain, October 13, 1900, from Bethel Presbytery; and Rev. W. T. Matthews, October 13, 1900, from Enoree Presbytery.

4. 5 ministers were transferred, viz: J M. Rose, D. D., October 11, 1899, to Fayetteville Presbytery; W. C. Alexander, December 5, 1899, to Maryland Presbytery; G. L. Cook, April 21, 1900, to Mecklenburg Presbytery; W. H. White, July 9, 1900, to Enoree Presbytery; A B. Soulier, July 31, 1900, to Waldensian Church of Italy.

5. 1 church received or organized, viz: McKinnon, Concord, N. C., May 13, 1900.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. 2 licentiates received, viz: John A. Gilmer, July 31, 1900, from Albemarle Presbytery; W. S. Wilson, October 13, 1900, from Montgomery Presbytery.

8. 3 licentiates transferred, viz: L. E. Bostian, September 10, 1900, to Enoree Presbytery; J. G. Varner, October 13, 1900, to Fort Worth Presbytery; and A. N. Perryman, October 13, 1900, to Ouachita Presbytery.

9. 2 candidates received, viz: W. E. Phifer and Robert T. Coit.

10 1 candidate transferred, viz: E. P. Bradley, October 13, 1899, to Albemarle Presbytery.

11. 2 ministers died, viz: Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., January 11, 1900; Rev. W. A. Wood, D. D., April 2, 1900.

12. 2 ordinations, viz: John A. Gilmer, July 31, 1900. W. S. Wilson, October 28, 1900.

13. 6 installations, viz: Rev. C. Preston, at Patterson Mill Church and at Cannonville Church, May 13, 1900; Rev. T Jacobs at Morganton, June 10, 1900; Rev. J. A. Gilmer at Back Creek, July 31, 1900, and at Thyatira, October 5, 1900; and Rev. W. S. Wilson at Marion, October 28, 1900.

14 6 dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: Rev. J M. Rose, D. D., and Morganton Church, October 11, 1899; Rev. W. C. Alexander and Concord First Church, December 5, 1899; Rev. G. L. Cook and Poplar Tent, April 21, 1900; and Rev. W H. White and Old Fort, Siloam and Greenlee Churches, July 9, 1900.

15. 2 licensures, viz: J. G. Varner, October 24, 1899; A. N. Perryman, June 8, 1900.

16. 20 ministers in charge of 48 churches; 14 pastors; 3 stated supplies; 4 evangelists; 2 licentiates.

17. 3 churches vacant.

18. $496 average salary reported paid ministers in charge of churches, (*i. e*, to pastors and stated supplies).

19. 17 manses, aggregate value, $27,725.

20. No minister or church in 1 county, viz: Yadkin.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Cannonville Church, on the 23rd day of April, at 7:30 p. m., 1901.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: W. R. MCLELLAND, Stated Clerk.

At Morganton Church, on the 15th day of October, 1900.

III—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1. 28 ministers; 81 churches; 1 licentiate; 12 candidates; 8,679 communicants, and twenty-six thousand, three hundred and forty-nine dollars, ($26,349), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31. 1900, being $4,073 more than was raised the year before.

2. 469 members were added to the church during the year; (a) On examination 245; (b) on certificate 224.

3. 1 minister received, viz: J. M. Rose, D. D., October 11, 1899

4. No ministers were transferred.

5. 1 church was organized, viz: Bakers, November 28, 1899.

6. No churches tranferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. 3 licentiates transferred, viz: W. M. Fairley, K. L. McIver and D. McIver were transferred June 13, 1900.

9. No candidates received.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

12 1 ordination, viz. Rev. G T. Pace, August 11, 1900.

13. 7 installations, viz: Rev. J S. Black, at Flat Branch Church, November 9, 1899; Rev. J. P. McMillan, D. D., at St. Pauls and Mt. Tabor June 17, 1900; Rev. R. W. Hines, at Oakland, April 29, 1900; Rev J. T. Pace, at Philadelphus, August 11, 1900.

14 2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: Rev. W. R. Coppedge, at Jackson Springs, October 11, 1899; Rev. Hugh Craig, at Ashpole, August, 1900.

15. 2 licensures, viz: W. M. Fairley, K. L. McIver and D. McIver were licensed June 13, 1900.

16. 21 ministers in charge of 79 churches; 7 pastors; 6 local evangelists; 2 foreign missionaries.

17. 4 churches vacant.

18. $548 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 6 manses, aggregate value, $7,900.

20. No county without a church or minister.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Laurinburg, on the..... day ....., 1901.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW, Stated Clerk.

At Philadelphus Church, on the 4th day of October, 1900.

IV—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1. 40 ministers; 75 churches; 1 licentiate; 18 candidates; 8,487 communicants; and twenty-one thousand, one hundred and sixteen dollars and fifty-five cents, ($21.116.55), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1900, being $4,129.67 more than was raised the year before.

2 819 members were added to the churches during the year; (a) on examination, 352; (b) on certificate, 457.

3. 6 ministers were received, viz.: G C. Huntington, December 28, 1899; G. W. Belk, April 23 1900; W. H. Wilson, May 22, 1900; G. L.

Cook, August 11, 1900; W. H. Davis, October 13, 1900, and J. W. Siler, October 4, 1900.

5. 5 ministers were transferred, viz.: J. W. Siler, December 28, 1899; T. M. Lowry, March 6, 1900; J. S. Shaw, March 6, 1900; W. A. Wynne, December 28, 1899, and S. W. Newell, October 4, 1900.

5. Churches received or organized, viz.: New London, November 19, 1899.

6. No church has been transferred or dissolved.

7. 1 licentiate received, viz.: J. E. Brown, October 4, 1900 By examination.

8 2 licentiates transferred, viz: R. S. Eskridge, April 13, 1900, and F. L. Higdon, April 11, 1900.

9. 2 candidates received, viz.: H. Ward Shannon, October 3, 1900, and Charles W. Allison, October 4, 1900

10. No candidate has been transferred.

11. 1 minister died, viz.: Rev. Roger Martin, D. D., August 25, at 2:10 a. m.

12. No ordinations.

13. 9 installations, viz.: Rev. W. O. Sample, Mulberry, November 4, 1899; Mt. Holly, May 19, 1900; G W. Belk, Graham Street, May 6, 1900; W. R. Minter, Shelby, June 6, 1900; H. W. Wilson, Castanea Grove, July 8, 1900; Unity, July 22, 1900; Stanley Creek, July 29, 1900; G. L. Cook, Paw Creek, August 11, 1900; Cook's Memorial, August 11, 1900.

14. 6 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: J. S. Shaw, Paw Creek and Cook's Memorial, November 1, 1899; W. A. Wynne, Graham Street, December 28, 1899; Rev. J. W. Siler, Providence and Banks, December 28, 1900; Rev. H. W. Hoon, Matthews, April 11, 1900; R. Martin, D. D., Mallard Creek, April 12, 1900; W. R. Minter, Rutherfordton, April 23, 1900; Rev. S. W. Newell, Newell and Amity, October 4, 1900.

15. No licensures.

16. 30 ministers in charge of 70 churches; 24 pastors; 5 stated supplies; 1 P. E. evangelist; 1 licentiate; 1 foreign missionary.

27. 5 churches vacant.

18. $723 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 24 manses, aggregate value, $46,300.

20. No county without minister or church.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Lincolnton, on Tuesday

before 4th Sabbath in April, 1901.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : T. J. ALLISON, Stated Clerk.

At Sharon Church, on 5th day of October, 1901.

V—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports :

1. 14 ministers ; 48 churches ; 0 licentiates ; 4 candidates ; 3,412 communicants ; and twenty-one thousand and five dollars, ($21,005), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1900, being $5,003 92 more than was raised the year before.

2. 230 members were added to the churches during the year ; (a) on examination, 160 ; (b) on certificate, 70.

3. No ministers were received.

4 1 minister was transferred, viz. : Rev. R. V. Lancaster, April 5, 1900, to Presbytery of Abingdon.

5. No churches received or organized

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. 1 licentiate received viz. : Edward E Lane, October 18, 1899, from East Hanover Presbytery.

8 No licentiates transferred.

9 1 candidate received, viz. : John F. Rodman, April 5, 1900.

10 No candidates transferred.

11. 1 minister died, viz. ; George W. McMillan, June 5, 1900.

12. 1 ordination, viz. : E. E. Lane, October 18, 1900.

13. 6 installations, viz. : D. P. McGeachy, Pike, November 12, 1899 ; Hopewell, November 17, 1899 ; Mt. Williams, Nov 26, 1899 ; R. M. Williams, Rockfish and Mt. Zion, Oct. 22, 1899, and Warsaw, November 12, 1900.

14. No dissolution of pastoral relations.

15. No licensures.

16. 10 ministers in charge of 35 churches ; 5 pastors ; 1 stated supply ; 3 evangelists ; 4 ministers without a charge.

17. 1 church vacant.
18. $655 50 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.
19. 3 manses, aggregate value, $11,000
20. No county without a church or minister.
21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Clinton, N. C., on 2nd day of April, 1901, at 7:30 p. m.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: A. M. MCFADYEN, Stated Clerk.

At Chadbourn Church, on 4th day of October, 1900.

VI—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle reports:

1. 12 ministers; 33 churches; 1 licentiate; 3 candidates; 2,225 communicants; and twenty-six thousand, three hundred and six dollars and thirty-nine cents, ($26,306 39), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1900, being $5,966 03 more than was raised the year before.

2. 210 members were added to the churches during the year; (a) On examination, 118; on certificate, 92.

3. 1 minister was received, viz: W. D. Morton, D. D., Central Mississippi Presbytery, December 2, 1899

4. 2 ministers were transferred, viz: A. S. Caldwell, Concord Presbytery, December 18, 1899; G. L. Leyburn, D. D., Lafayette Presbytery, February 19, 1900.

5. 1 church received or organized, viz: Brookston Chapel, Vance county, organized April 8. 1900.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7. No licentiates received.

8. 1 licentiate transferred, viz: John A. Gilmer, Concord Presbytery, June 30, 1900.

9. 1 candidate received, viz: Edward P. Bradley, Concord Presbytery, December 2, 1899.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. 1 minister died, viz: C. W. Payne, D. D., September 13, 1900.

12. 1 ordination, viz: Edward P. Bradley, April 13, 1900.

13 3 installations, viz: W. D. Morton, D. D., Rocky Mount Church, December 2, 1899; E D Brown, Atkinson Memorial Church, Kinston, N. C., May, 1900; Edward P. Bradley, Nuthush Church.

14 3 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: A. S. Caldwell and Oxford Church, December 18, 1899; G. L. Leyburn, D. D., and New Bern Church, February 19, 1900; Wm. T. Walker and Oak Hill and Shiloh Churches, June 10, 1900.

15. 2 licensures, viz: Edward P. Bradley, December 2, 1899; John A. Gilmer, April 12, 1900.

16. 10 ministers in charge of 28 churches; 6 pastors; 5 evangelists; 1 licentiate.

17. 3 churches vacant.

18. $850 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 11 manses, aggregate value, $22,000.

20. No minister or church in 14 counties, viz: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Pamlico, Perquimans, Northampton, Tyrell and Washington

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Henderson, on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1901.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

At Greenville Church, on the 16th day of October, 1901.

VII—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville reports:

1. 12 ministers; 23 churches; 1 licentiate; 1 candidate; 1,300 communicants; and five thousand, one hundred and sixty-five dollars and seventy-one cents, ($5,165 71), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1900, being $1,375 more than was raised the year before.

2. 167 members were added to the churches during the year, (a) on examination, 103; (b) on certificate, 64.

3. 1 minister was received viz. : Rev. J. W. Siler, January 16, 1900.

4. 2 ministers were transferred, viz : Rev. J. L. Wicker, January 16, 1900, and Rev. Arthur Robotham, January 16, 1900.

5. 2 churches organized, viz. : Preston, December 5, 1899, and Jennie Spear Memorial, November 19, 1899.

6. No churches transferred or dissolved.

7 No licentiates received.

8. No licentiates transferred.

9 No candidates received.

10. No candidates transferred.

11. No ministers died.

12. No ordinations.

13. 2 installations, viz. : Rev. W. R. Overcash, November 11, 1899, and Rev. J. W. Siler, February 11, 1900.

14. 2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz : Rev. J. L. Wicker and Davidson and Brevard Churches, November 28, 1899; Rev. A. C. Caldwell and Hendersonville, October 11, 1899.

15 No licensures.

16. 9 ministers in charge of 14 churches; 3 pastors : 3 stated supplies; 1 licentiate; 1 foreign missionary.

17. 9 churches vacant.

18. $725 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19. 4 manses. aggregate value, $6,000.

20. No minister or church in 1 county, viz : Graham.

21. The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Hendersonville, on the 8th day of May, 1901.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : E. A. SAMPLE, Stated Clerk.

At Brevard Church, on the 9th day of December, 1900.

B.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

1—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1900 :

1.	45	Churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 2,639.00
2.	42	"	"	Synodical Home Missions	2,582.00
3.	36	"	"	Assembly's Home Missions	358.00
4.	48	"	"	Foreign Missions	4,828 00
5	29	"	"	Publication and Colportage.	154.09
6.	41	"	"	Education for Ministry	555 00
7.	22	"	"	Ch and Christian Education	275.00
8.	41	"	"	Invalid Fund	407.00
9.	27	"	"	Colored Evangelization	243.00
10.	18	"	"	Bible Cause	109.00
11.	..	"	"	Church Erection	.....
12	33	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	1,340 00
13.	17	"	"	Miscellaneous	3,441.00
				Total	$16,931.00

Being $4,256 more than was raised the year before. Fifty-three churches reported, and 14 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 3 to one or more of them.

Four churches made no report, viz. : Mt. Airy, Rougemont, Hollowways and Worthville.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST. D. I. CRAIG, Stated Clerk.

At Little River Church, on 4th day of September, 1900,

11—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31. 1900:

1.	44	Churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$2,391.00
2.	41	" "	Synodical Home Missions	1,163.00
3.	30	" "	Assembly's Home Missions	205 00
4.	41	" "	Foreign Missions	3,009.00
5.	25	" "	Publication and Colportage	107.00
6.	34	" "	Education for Ministry	545.00
7.	24	" "	Ch. and Christian Education	1,779.00
8.	33	" "	Invalid Fund	181 00
9.	28	" "	Colored Evangelization	129.00
10.	14	" "	Bible Cause	46 00
11.	..	" "	Church Erection	.....
12.	31	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home	1,203.00
13.	11	" "	Miscellaneous	937.00
			Total	$11,695.00

Being $2,571 more than was raised the year before for beneficence, exclusive of miscellaneous. Fifty churches reported, and nine of them contributed to all the eight objects conducted by the church, and forty-six to one or more of them.

Eight churches made no reports, viz: Banner Elk, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Pinola, Shearer, Glen Alpine, Marion, Poplar Tent.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: W. R. MCLELLAND, Stated Clerk.

At Morganton Church, on the 15th day of October, 1900.

II—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

III—Fayetteville Presbytery.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1900:

1.	70	Churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$1,201 00
2.	65	" "	Synodical Home Missions	2,065 00
3.	59	" "	Assembly's Home Missions	305 00
4.	72	" "	Foreign Missions	3,371.00
5.	33	" "	Publication and Colportage	184.00
6.	63	" "	Education for Ministry	334 00
7.	40	" "	Ch. and Christian Education	175.00
8.	59	" "	Invalid Fund	220.00
9.	56	" "	Colored Evangelization	195 00
10	26	" "	Bible Cause	67 00
11.	..	" "	Church Erection	.....
12.	43	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home	1,010 00
13	..	" "	Miscellaneous	692 00
			Total	$9,819 00

Being $2,014 more than was raised the year before. Seventy-eight churches reported, and thirteen of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church.

Three churches made no report, viz: Macedonia, Lebanon and Haywood.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW, Stated Clerk.

At Philadelphus Church, on the 4th day of October, 1900.

IV—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1900 :

1.	53	Churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$7,112.10
2.	50	" "	Synodical Home Missions....	1,253 13
3.	52	" "	Assembly's Home Missions.	975.98
4.	55	" "	Foreign Missions.....	4,020.55
5.	45	" "	Publication and Colportage...	248 98
6.	49	" "	Education for Ministry.....	954 41
7.	30	" "	Ch. and Christian Education	4,661 26
8.	48	" "	Invalid Fund.....	318.80
9.	44	" "	Colored Evangelization.....	320.36
10.	27	" "	Bible Cause.....	90.34
11.	..	" "	Church Erection.....	.....
12.	43	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home....	460 64
13.	..	" "	Miscellaneous.....	.....
			Total.....	$21,116 55

Being $4.129 67 more than was raised the year before. Fifty-nine churches reported, and 16 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 42 to one or more of them. One reported as not contributing to any cause.

Sixteen churches made no report, viz : Alton, Drusilla, New London, Siler, Sandy Plains, Robinson, Beulah (S.), Shiloh, Bessemer City, Castanea Grove, Macpelah, Mizpah, Stanley Creek, Stevens, Unity and Lebanon.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : T. J. ALLISON, Stated Clerk.

At Sharon Church, on the 5th day of October, 1900.

V—Wilmington Presbytery.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the tollowing report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1900 :

1	32	Churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 2,339 65
2.	22	"	"	Synodical Home Missions ...	886.11
3.	23	"	"	Assembly's Home Missions	174.40
4.	33	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,496.28
5.	20	"	"	Publication and Colportage...	81.37
6.	27	"	"	Education for Ministry.....	531 98
7.	..	"	"	Ch. and Christian Education .	.....
8.	25	"	"	Invalid Fund.....	131.03
9	19	"	"	Colored Evangelization	94 12
10	12	"	"	Bible Cause	66 27
11.	..	"	"	Church Erection.....	.....
12.	14	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home....	257.98
13.	15	"	"	Miscellaneous	757.36
		Total			$ 6.843.70

Being $1,504.76 less than was raised the year before. Thirty-eight churches reported, and 5 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 38 to one or more of them.

Ten churches made no report, viz. ; Beulah, Cobb Mills, Hub, Keith, Maple Hill, Mt. Williams, Richlands, Stanford, Smith's and Verona.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST. A. MCFADYEN, Stated Clerk.

At Chadbourn Church, on 4th day of October, 1900.

VI—Albemarle Presbytery.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1900 :

1.	25	Churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions..	$ 625.86
2.	22	" "	Synodical Home Missions....	812.20
3.	20	" "	Assembly's Home Missions...	202.05
4.	23	" "	Foreign Missions.....	2,695.57
5.	14	" "	Publication and Colportage..	128 63
6.	16	" "	Education for Ministry	245.93
7.	14	" "	Ch. and Christian Education.	66.25
8.	20	" "	Invalid Fund.....	143 81
9.	16	" "	Colored Evangelization.....	119.23
10.	8	" "	Bible Cause.....	48.11
11.	..	" "	Church Erection	.....
12.	15	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home....	466.55
13.	9	" "	Miscellaneous	1,065.67
			Total.....	$ 6,617 89

Being $2,241.38 more than was raised the year before. All churches reported, and 5 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 25 to one or more of them.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : F. H. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

At Greenville Church, on 16th day of October, 1900.

VII—Asheville Presbytery.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1900:

1.	Churches contributed to		Presbyterial Home Missions	$1,955.00
2.	"	"	Synodical Home Missions	89 97
3.	"	"	Assembly's Home Mission	43.64
4.	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,280 25
5.	"	"	Publication and Colportage	16.76
6.	"	"	Education for Ministry	149.19
7.	"	"	Ch. and Christian Education	.....
8.	"	"	Invalid Fund	56 00
9.	"	"	Colored Evangelization	75.00
10.	"	"	Bible Cause	21 00
11.	"	"	Church Erection	.....
12.	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	63.05
13.	"	"	Miscellaneous	458.00
	Total			$5,299.05

Being $3,049 more than was raised the year before.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: E. A. SAMPLE, Stated Clerk.

At Brevard Church, on the 10th day of October, 1900.

C.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, RICHMOND, VA.

1900.

The Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary would respectfully report to the General Assembly and to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia that the session of 1899-1900 has been one marked by many evidences of God's blessing. The number of students attending the Seminary is four less apparently than last year, but this is due to the fact that four pastors took special courses last year, and thus swelled the number to 88, while 84 were actually matriculated this year.

The health of the faculty and students has been generally good.

The number of books in the Library has been largely increased, 1,100 volumes having been added by the gifts of Mr W. W. Spence and others. A slight fire in the Library basement demonstrated the practical fire-proof character of the building—a member and officer of the City Fire Department, who responded to the alarm and extinguished the fire, declared it to be a really fire-proof building

The endowment of the Seminary has been strengthed by disposing of some unprofitable holdings, and by the sale of the old buildings at Hampden-Sidney for $10,000.

The Board has conferred the degree of B D. on the graduates of 1899, (under authority given by an amendment to the charter by the Legislature of Virginia), viz. : J. E. Ballou, E. Bradley, W. H. Frazer, E. E. Lane, D. P. McGeachy, G. T. Pace, R. F. Vinson and R. H. Williams.

Diplomas with the degree of B D have been conferred on Messrs. F. M. Allen, J. E. Brown, Jr., R. D. Carson, T. W. Devane, E B. Bruen, R. S. Eskridge, N. M. McFerrin, W. M. Fairley, J. C. Johnson, R. F Kirkpatrick, W. H. Morrow, W. A. Murray, J. G. Varner, L. R. Watson, W. S. Wilson and W. C. Young, of the class of 1900 ; and diplomas without the degree on Messrs. M. E. Peabody, A. J Ponton, D. H. Scanlon and J. A. Trostle.

The new chapel, built through the liberality of Mr. G W. Watts, was used at Commencement, though not entirely finished, and will be dedicated at the next meeting of the Board in May, 1901.

The Board changed the dates of opening and closing the session to suit the time of meeting of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College and

also of the General Assembly. The next session will open on the second Wednesday in September, and close on the Wednesday before the second Thursday in May.

The Board would record its grateful appreciation of the liberality of Mr. Geo. W. Watts in adding the Chapel to Watts Hall, and to the Building Committee for continuing their effective and useful labors in the erection of the Chapel.

The Board has appointed Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore its agent to canvass for funds for increasing the endowment and to provide means to secure additional accommodations for the increased number of students, after all indebtedness shall have been paid ; a friend of the Seminary having offered to give $30,000 for this fund on condition that $120,000 be raised by the Board for these purposes. The Board undertakes to raise $170,000, the whole sum to be realized then amounting to $200,000, which will be counted as a part of the Twentieth Century Million Dollar Fund for Education, called for by the General Assembly."

An Extract from the Minutes.

TESTE : WM. C. PRESTON, Secretary.

D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

The Committee of Synodical Home Missions herewith submits to the Synod of North Carolina the Twelfth Annual Report of the cause intrusted to its care with heartfelt gratitude to God for His signal blessing upon this department of the Synod's work during the year that has just closed. All of our fields of labor are in a most flourishing condition, several new mission centers have been established, the fields already occupied greatly developed, the indebtedness of $2,872.64 resting upon the cause at the beginning of this year has been liquidated, all our evangelists and teachers have been paid up in full for their faithful services, and the treasury still contains a most gratifying surplus with which to begin the work of the new Synodical year.

Also a brief summary of what has been accomplished by the Synodical Committee, a bird's eye view of Presbyterial and Assembly's Missions, the financial statement of the Superintendent and the recommendations for the ensuing year:

REV. E. E. GILLESPIE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Superintendent has pursued the policy of enlisting, as far as possible, every church in the cause he represents The churches visited have been asked to give such amounts as they would be able to contribute annually. He has endeavored to reach all the churches by correspondence during June and September, stirring up their sincere mind by putting them in remembrance of the Synodical collection, has visited 96 churches, conducted 9 protracted meetings, held in all 221 services, and received in cash, from all sources, $12,013.95.

REV. WILLIAM BLACK, GENERAL EVANGELIST.

The General Evangelist for the Synod has preached 336 times in 27 different places, in 22 counties of this State, in which there were more than 600 professions, 244 of which joined the Presbyterian Church; raised $1,119.14 for Synodical Missions, more than $1,000 for church erection, and about $200 on pastors' salaries and other causes; assisted in the organization of one Sunday-School and one new church. Besides these services, he has held one meeting in Virginia and one in Alabama, and remitted to the Synod of North Carolina his salary while engaged in

holding the meetings last named. The total sermons preached during the past year is 370, in 29 different places.

REV. EDGAR TUFTS

Has much to encourage him in the Watauga field. Besides performing his regular evangelistic work, supplying five congregations with preaching, he has succeeded in placing on good foundation an institution of learning that is destined to revolutionize many benighted sections of our State. He has very appropriately called it "The Elizabeth McRae Institute," in honor of our beloved Mrs. McRae, who has rendered such valuable service in our mission fields The building, which is nearing completion, is three stories high, contains about 25 rooms, and will accommodate very comfortably fifty girls. Bro. Tufts has recently been elected principal of the school, and he will be assisted by two efficient instructors. The building thus far has cost about $1,200, and is free from debt.

REV. L. A. MCLAURIN

Is a brother of labors "more abundant." He gives the people the pure gospel at Elk Park, Spruce Pine, New Dale, Phillips, Cranberry, Magnetic City, Spring Creek, Bean's Creek and Plum Tree. Three new Sunday Schools have been organized, which are having a most wholesome influence in the communities where they are located. Four successful summer schools have been taught by young women without cost to the Committee. Mr. C. L. Rogers, of Union Seminary, labored for three months in this field last summer. He was greatly blessed in his work on the waters of Big Rock Creek. At this point about ten persons have petitioned for a church organization. It is a most needy section. Concerning it, one of our experienced evangelists writes: "In all my travels through this mountain country, I know of no such destitution of the pure gospel." The Macedonian cry from Bro. McLaurin's field is an urgent one, and we are confident God's people will heed it before another year shall close.

REV. J. E L. WINECOFF

Hails from Columbus county in the southeastern part of the State. He supplies nine points with regular preaching. Eighteen having united with the Presbyterian Church. Three Sunday schools have been organized, and at present are well attended. Besides his regular Wednesday evening service at Whiteville he has held one hundred and thirty-seven preaching services.

REV. JAMES THOMAS

Is laboring most efficiently in Albemarle Presbytery. He has had eleven additions to his churches during the last year, three at La Grange and eight at Wilson He has been greatly blessed in developing his field along the line of self-support. His churches will relieve the Presbytery of $125 on pastors' salary for the ensuing year. The outlook for both churches is very encouraging.

REV. E. D. BROWN

Is continuing to serve most acceptably the churches at Kingston and Dover, in Albemarle Presbytery. His people were greatly revived during the summer by a few days' meeting conducted by Dr. Morton. There have been three additions to his churches. The development in self-support is most commendable. The churches last year assumed fifty dollars additional of the pastor's salary, and this year they have relieved the Presbytery of twice that amount, showing a development in self-support of one hundred and fifty dollars in the last two years.

DR. F. H. JOHNSTON,

Our beloved veteran, who has been fighting so valiantly for the Lord in the extreme part of the State, with headquarters at Elizabeth City, moved to Tarboro about January the first, and since that time has been devoting his energies to the development of the spiritual condition of Parmele and Falkland churches. He also preaches at Everett and Olivet. His heart has been made to rejoice over the reception of seven persons into the Presbyterian church. In addition to his prayer-meeting services and extra address he has preached one hundred and thirty times, an average of more than two sermons each week.

REV. BARTH. SOULIER,

On account of the impaired health of his wife, felt constrained to hand in his resignation, which took effect September 31, 1900 Steps have been taken to secure a minister for the Waldensian colony from their homeland, and the new pastor is expected this month. The colony has been greatly blessed under the efficient management and ministry of Bro. Soulier. The people now have a beautiful house of worship completed and entirely free from debt. A good day school is conducted by two ladies from the North without expense to the committee. We are gratified to note the development of the people along the line of self-support. The congregation agrees to assume $50 of the pastor's salary for the ensuing year, and they hope to become self-supporting within a

few years.

REV. C. N. WHARTON

Reports his field in good condition and the outlook very promising. He preaches regularly at Warrenton, Littleton and Young Memorial. Besides conducting one hundred and thirteen services himself during the year, his people have enjoyed two protracted meetings, one conducted by Dr. W. D. Morton and the other by our General Evangelist, the Rev. William Black. As a visible result of these services there were thirty professions and two additions to the Presbyterian Church. Bro. Wharton enters upon the work of another year with a greateful heart for the showers of refreshing received.

REV. W. M. SHAW

Has for several years rendered valuable service to the cause of Christ in Brunswick county, Wilmington Presbytery. He was called to the presidency of the James Sprunt Institute, Kenansville, N. C., during the summer, and gave up our mission September 1st. The field since that time has been vacant, but we hope to have it supplied at an early date. Bro. Shaw preached regularly at Sweet Home, Southport, New Hope and a school house near one of his churches. The Sweet Home congregation has erected a church building during the last year and Southport has sustained a parochial school for eight months. Mr. A. M. McLaughlin, of Union Seminary, labored for three months in this field, rendering valuable assistance to Bro. Shaw. The school at Southport was successfully taught by Miss Bessie Rankin. There were 42 pupils in attendance and part of the time two teachers were employed. There have been 15 professions of faith and several additions to our church. Bro Shaw conducted three services each week and, from January 1st to September 1st, traveled 2,250 miles. The outlook for the Brunswick field is very encouraging.

REV. E. P. BRADLEY

Has been laboring at Nut Bush and Shiloh during the last year and at Oak Hill and Grassy Creek since June. One Sunday School has been organized. A most fruitful meeting was held at Nut Bush by Dr. W. D. Morton. There have been ten additions to the Presbyterian Church from this field.

REV. W. T. WALKER

Labored until April at Nut Bush, Oak Hill, Grassy Creek and Shiloh. Since that time he has had charge of the field embracing Roanoke

Rapids, Nahalah, Roanoke and Weldon. New churches have been erected at Roanoke Rapids and Weldon. Both points are most inviting. They each have a population of 1,500. At Roanoke there are two large cotton mills and one silk factory. The finest water power exists. Probably several other factories will be built in the near future. Our general evangelist held a most fruitful meeting at this point, resulting in 30 professions of faith. The need is great and the opportunity for reaching perishing souls exceedingly rare.

REV. E. MAC DAVIS

Writes most encouragingly of the development of the Madison county field, where he has been laboring so successfully tor the last few years. He has two organized churches and three other regular preaching points. Three protracted meetings were held during the summer, resulting in 14 professions and five additions to the Presbyterian Church. One summer school was taught by Miss Anna McDonald, of Yeddo, Mich., without expense to the committee. She so popularized the Presbyterian Church in the remote section where she labored that a lot and lumber sufficient to erect a small house were proffered the committee. Four building lots have been deeded to Presbytery valued at $25 to $75 each. The manner in which this field has contributed to the erection of its churches is most praiseworthy. In building Upper Ivy church Bro. Davis received $159 outside of his field and raised $508.83 in the community. In the erection of Jennie Spear Memorial a donation of $500 was obtained through Dr. Campbell, and $515.95 and lots valued at $125 were contributed by the field. The manner in which Bro. Davis is teaching his churches to support the various causes deserves special notice. The following is a list of the contributions of Upper Ivy: Synodical Missions, $2.90; Presbyterial Missions, $1.81; Colportage, 97 cents; Ministerial Education, $1.03; Foreign Missions, $4.88; Bible Cause, $1.34; Colored Evangelization, 39 cents; Assembly's Home and School, 85 cents; Orphanage, $1.48; pastor's salary, $20; Church Erection, $506.83; Miscellaneous, $14.76.

REV. D. J CURRIE

Occupies one of the most important fields in the Synod of North Carolina. In addition to his encouraging work at New Hope and Union Chapel, he preaches regularly at Chapel Hill, where he comes in contact with more than five hundred students from this and other states. This is a stragetic point. The influence of the seed that is being so faithfully sown by Brother Currie can not be overestimated. The New Hope

and Chapel Hill churches have both been remodeled during the past year and made much more attractive and comfortable. Two protracted meetings have been held and twenty persons have united with our church—seven by profession and thirteen by certificate. Brother Currie has conducted during the year 135 services.

REV. ALLEN JONES, JR.

The Ashe County field, which was opened up and is still supported by ths First Church of Greensboro, has been greatly blessed under the efficient management of Bro Jones. He has conducted 170 services, held three protracted meetings, preached regularly at nine different points and traveled 3,700 miles. There have been 22 professions of faith and 28 additions to our church. Seven Sunday schools are successfully conducted at the following places, viz: Jefferson, Bristol, Gap Creek, Obids, Venus, Ebenezer and Ely, with a total attendance of 391 and an average attendance of 296. The following summer schools were taught in this field: Chestnut Hill, Mr. W. E. Hill, teacher, attendance, 34; Gap Creek, Mr. S. F. Hodges, teacher, attendance 36; Venus, by Mr. D. W. Richardson, attendance 35; Obids, by Mr. J. F. Flow, attendance 44. Miss Kate Cranor and Miss Tyson taught schools in private families, and their consecrated efforts were attended with good results. Mr R T Coit did Sunday school work and held prayer-meetings, rendering valuable assistance to the preacher in charge. The fine work done in the Sunday school department is largely due to his consecrated efforts. A church and school building has been erected at Gap Creek; of the cost the sum of $325 was subscribed on the field A subscription of $250 has been secured at Obids for the erection of a church. The work is now in progress. The field promises $125 on pastor's salary for the ensuing year.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONS.

Albemarle Presbytery—The brethren in this Presbytery have prosecuted the work of missions with most commendable zeal. Three churches and one Sunday school have been organized and 93 persons have been added to the Presbyterian Church. Eight evangelists have been aided in support during the year.

Asheville Presbytery—During the past year the mission fields of this Presbytery have been greatly blessed. Three churches and schools have been organized, four buildings erected for church and school purposes, and 129 added to the church—94 on profession and 34 by letter. Eight evangelists have received aid from the Presbytery.

Concord Presbytery—This Presbytery has assisted in the support of eight evangelists within its bounds. Eight Sabbath Schools have been organized and 189 persons received into the church—155 on profession and 34 by letter.

Fayetteville Presbytery—There have been 50 additions to the Presbyterian Church from the mission field of this Presbytery. Two churches have been organized and five evangelists have been financially assisted. The mission work around Fayetteville is progressing and one chapel will soon become an organized church. Steps have been taken to build a church designed to unite the Presbyterian element in two factory villages near Rockingham.

Mecklenburg Presbytery—The work within the bounds of this Presbytery has been prosecuted with the zeal which usually characterizes its faithful workers. Nine evangelists have been aided and Asheville Presbytery has received $1,000 for work within her bounds. There have been several additions to the Presbyterian Church from this section of the Synod.

Orange Presbytery—A new field of labor, supported by the First Church, of Greensboro, has been opened up in Alleghany county, where we have not a single Presbyterian Church, and had only three members when Rev. W. A. Murray became "Bishop" of Alleghany. The outlook is exceeding promising. The Presbytery is aiding five evangelists, who have been abundantly blessed in their labors during the past year. One Sunday School has been organized and about 45 persons received into the Presbyterian Church.

Wilmington Presbytery—During the year this Presbytery has assisted in the support of six evangelists. Two groups of churches have recently been formed to reduce the distinctive mission fields and increase the number of pastorates Fifty-four have been added to the church—30 on profession and 24 by letter.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee commends to the liberality of the churches of the Synod the vast and important work intrusted to the Assembly's Committee of Home Missions. The destitutions within our bounds are appalling in the extreme. Urgent appeals are being made from many sections for more immediate assistance. The total amount contributed last year by all the churches of the Assembly was only $3,030 81. Of this sum the Synod of North Carolina gave $2,201, which shows an increase over last year of $538. One hundred and thirty-seven ministers and preachers re-

ceived aid from the Committee last year, fifteen churches have been erected, and the whole work is in a promising condition. The death of the beloved and venerable soldier of the cross, the Rev. J. N. Craig, has deprived the cause of one who has endeared himself to the Southern Presbytern Church and who has rendered valuable and faithful service to the cause he represented. May the Lord speedily raise up a worthy successor

LADIES' SOCIETIES.

The "Ladies' Home Missionary," Rev. E. Mac Davis, has received a large part of his support from the good ladies of North Carolina. The societies contributed during the year $494.28. We trust they will assume his entire support from this time Their deep interest in the cause, encouraging words and liberal contributions are most heartily appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless their self-denying labors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SYNODICAL WORK.

The indebtedness of the committee at the beginning of the Synodical year, October 1st, 1899, amounted to nearly three thousand dollars, the exact amount being $2,872 64.

Cash on hand October 1, 1899	$ 25.46
Cash receipts from October 1, 1899, to October 31, 1900	12,013 95
Total	$ 12,039.41
Amount disbursed from October 1, 1899, to October 31, 1999	10,890.59
Cash on hand October 31, 1900	$ 1,148.81

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—PRESBYTERIAL AND SYNODICAL.

Albemarle	$ 1,164 41
Asheville	2,834.84
Concord	2,499.70
Fayetteville	4,180.88
Mecklenburg	4,731.26
Orange	4,287.82
Wilmington	3,181.23
Miscellaneous	751 35
Total for Home Missions in State	$ 23,631.48
Total for Assembly's Missions	2,201.00
Grand total	$ 26,832.48

On behalf of Committee,

E. E. GILLESPIE, Superintendent.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Synod recognizing its obligation and privilege of sending the gospel to the many destitute sections within our bounds, and being encouraged by the signal blessing attending the labors of our faithful teachers and evangelists, reaffirms its purpose to prosecute more vigorously the work already inaugurated, and to open new fields as rapidly as the liberality of God's people will permit.

2. Synod directs its committee to co-operate with Albemarle Presbytery in placing a man for all his time in the territory lying north and east of Albemarle Sound and east of Chowan river, and prosecute our work in that section as rapidly as means and men can be obtained.

3. That the Sunday schools devote two collections to be taken during the months of June and September.

4. That all the pastors, sessions and evangelists heartily support the Superintendent by giving him appointments with their congregations and earnestly co-operating with him in his efforts to secure liberal contributions from their people.

5. That our present work may be sustained and enlarged and new fields occupied, Synod undertakes to raise $10,000 during the ensuing year and apportions this sum among the Presbyteries as follows:

Asheville	$ 400.00
Albemarle	700 00
Concord	1,800.00
Fayetteville	2,000.00
Mecklenburg	2,000 00
Orange	2,000.00
Wilmington	1,100.00
	$ 10,000.00

6. That Synod would express its sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance received from the Committee of Publication and Colportage and commends it most heartily to the liberality of all the churches of the Synod.

7. The Synod recognizing the valuable services rendered our evangelists, and by the faithful and consecrated young men and women who have labored without compensation within our bounds during the past summer, hereby expresses its most hearty appreciation of what they have done in so greatly advancing the cause of Christ in our home mission territory.

8. The Synodical Home Mission Committee would recommend that the bequest of Mr. S. P. Alexander of $5,000 for Presbyterian missions in North Carolina be set apart as "The Alexander Gift and Loan Fund," and employed in destitute parts of the State in planting mission schools and in church erection under the direction of a committee to use these funds in gifts and loans according to their judgment.

The Executive Committee of Home Missions was designated and appointed by a vote of the Synod to receive and take charge of the bequests to Home Missions, according to recommendation 8, of the General Committee's report above.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Agent of Foreign Missions feels that the first note of this annual report should be one of sincerest gratitude and praise to the Great Head of the Church. In this closing year of the century, God has been causing the mission workers in the far East to pass through a baptism of fire and water. And although many lives have been sacrificed—at least 178 are supposed to have perished at the hands of the Boxers, 69 of whom were representatives of the American churches—yet not one of our 43 missionaries have suffered harm—all have escaped without even "the smell of fire upon their garments."

Having been thus saved by "The Angel of God's presence," with minds at peace, "because their trust is stayed in Him," and with spirits gladdened by the precious realization of the Master's presence, the greater part of them stand to-day just outside the closed gates of the Middle Kingdom—waiting, like Israel of old, "to see the salvation of Jehovah "

This attitude of waiting faith calls for an unfaltering assertion by the church at home of her absolute confidence in the divine purpose and power to give these heathen to the Son for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. Let us, therefore, record our conviction that there is to be no backward step.

Let us not forget that the blood of these martyrs in the Nineteenth century is God's challenge to our faith in His ability to undertake for us. We have lately been reminded that Louis Kraff, standing by the new made grave of his young wife in darkest Africa, sent these words back to the home-land : "Tell our friends that they have now a Christian grave in East Africa, and as the victory of the church is gained by stepping over the graves of her members, you are sure that you are summoned to evangelize Africa from the East side." So today, every Christian sepulchre, every blood-stain on the sod of China, of dying missionaries—most of them near the capitol of this heathen kingdom—are to us God's hand-writing of a renewed covenant to make the Gospel of His Son, in the hands of His church, a weapon mighty to the pulling down

of strongholds.

But such a reminder that God is King in Zion becomes to us also a summons to renewed activity in upholding the hands and reinforcing the thinning ranks of our struggling brethren, who, as Dr. Babcock puts it, "are in the thin red line out at the forefront, where it runs up against the great black, broad line" of heathenism, with its sin and its shame.

Nor has the church been entirely unmoved by this new appeal to her love for the Master's cause, for it is not without significance that, counting the October collection, the church treasury shows an increase in the contributions of more than $11,000; and in our own Synod a total contribution of $23,909, which is an increase of nearly $5,000, or exactly $4,775. The amount by Presbyteries is as follows: Orange, $5,819; Concord, $3,233; Fayetteville, $3,911; Wilmington, $1,616; Mecklenburg, $5,604; Albemarle, $2,745; Asheville, $982.

Taking a larger view of the matter suggested by the new census, we find that while the population of the Old North State has increased 17 per cent in ten years, the membership of the Presbyterian Church has increased 31 per cent. In the same period, however, the gifts to Foreign Missions have increased 52 per cent. It is also of more than passing interest to observe that 304 out of 375 churches contributed, while the 71 non-contributing churches are with scarcely an exception new-born mission churches.

It is worth recording, as another indication of growing interest in this enterprise of Missions, that of the fifty churches in our General Assembly giving more that $500 to the cause, ten of them are upon the rolls of our Synod. And, perhaps, not the least hopeful sign of increased love for the work, is the fact that so many copies of *The Missionary* are read in our churches. Three years ago there were 1,378 subscribers to *The Missionary*, while today we have 2,325 subscribers to both of our monthlies.

Dr. Pierson declares that "facts are the figures of God that furnish fuel for missions," and the assertion is abundantly sustained by experience, so that we may reasonably expect that with the increasing number of readers of our missionary literature, and the close touch in which our people are thus put with the laborers in the field there will come in the immediate future a greater growth in the amount of Christian liberality.

Inspired, therefore, by the memory of God's great goodness to our missionaries, encouraged by the measure of growth, which under Him, we discover in this hurried review, and decided to reach after far greater

attainments by the consciousness of our many short-comings, let us face the future with eyes lifted up to the hills from whence cometh our help. Resolved, first of all, to fill up more nearly the measure of our duty to the world that lies in sin, by a fuller consecration of all that we are and that we have, and all that we can do to Him who has bought with such a price.

Let it be also our new-formed resolution to pray more earnestly for the coming of the kingdom, and to study more intelligently the work and the problem of evangelizing the world for Jesus. And, that we may further both these high aims, let us resolve again, that as pastors and elders we will enlist all possible agencies of the church—her men and her women, together with her children in the home and in the Sunday Schools, to hasten the time when King Immanuel shall reign where the sun does his successive journeys run.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. GRAHAM, Agent.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Synod hereby expresses its hearty and continued interest in this great cause. That in view of the marked decrease in the number of candidates for the gospel ministry, Synod urges its pastors to preach to their congregations upon the call to the ministry, to lay the claims of this great cause upon the hearts of parents in their charges, and to look out worthy young men and present to them the claim the Master has upon them to preach His glorious gospel. That in view of the further fact that our Synod draws from the Assembly's funds for this cause more, by over one hundred dollars than it contributes. Synod urges its churches to make regular and more liberal contributions to this cause which lies at the foundation of the pursuance and growth of our beloved Church.

L. B. TURABULL, Agent.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Church and Christian Education beg leave to report :

There is great reason for gratitude for increasing interest in this cause throughout the bounds of the Synod, and there are abundant evidences of progress in all departments of the work, as indicated by the following brief summary :

First. Davidson College has opened this year with a larger number of students than last year. The Martin Chemical Laboratory will be finished and occupied soon. This building and its equipment is a great step forward in the department of science. It will cost nearly ten thousand dollars. When chemistry shall vacate its present quarters there will be left larger space for the other sciences.

Second. Peace Institute is now under the care of Albemarle and Orange Presbyteries. There is this year an increase of over twenty per cent in the patronage. The buildings, grounds and furnishings are worth thirty or forty thousand dollars. The ownership is still in private hands. It would seem very desirable that the title of the property also should be lodged in a board of trustees appointed by the two Presbyteries.

Third. The Female College in Charlotte is under the care of Mecklenburg and Concord Presbyteries, and its present boarding department is full to its utmost capacity. Thanks to the liberality of the Charlotte churches, a new building that will cost fifty thousand dollars is under contract and the foundations laid up to the first floor. It is to be completed in time for the next collegiate year. This building will have a capacity for two hundred girls.

Fourth. The Statesville Female College is under the care of the same two Presbyteries. It enters upon a new regime this fall and gives promise of larger usefulness and sucsess. The present buildings and grounds could not be supplied for less than twenty thousand dollars or more, and it is proposed to add material improvements in time for the next collegiate year.

Fifth. The Red Springs Seminary is under the care of Fayetteville Presbytery. The success of this institution is marvelous. There are twenty-five in the faculty, two hundred and ninety pupils, of whom one

hundred and forty-seven are boarders. Over three thousand dollars has been added to the plant the past year.

Sixth. The James Sprunt Institute is now under the care of the Wilmington Presbytery and is located at Kenansville. It enters upon a new regime this fall and the pupils have increased thirty per cent. One new building and three new departments have been added and the prospects are bright.

Seventh. The Elizabeth McRae Institute, named from one whose praise is in all the churches, is at Banner Elk, in the mission field of Concord Presbytery. The plant is worth about four thousand dollars, of which about one-half was contributed by persons outside of the Synod of North Carolina. The plan of the school is co-educational and the purpose is to increase the plant largely. There are several hundred dollars in hand to assist needy girls. This school is emphasized because of its promise of large usefulness in the mountain field.

Eighth. Several academies and schools for secondary education have been founded or resuscitated under the constitution proposed by the Synod and Assembly. In fact nearly all the schools already named are working really or virtually under this constitution.

Ninth. Mission schools are largely on the increase in the proper mission fields. The result has fully vindicated the wisdom of adopting the Christian school as a part of mission work.

Tenth. In all the schools mentioned special emphasis is given to religious instruction and to the study of the Bible; and they give excellent reports of the moral and religious tone which prevails.

Eleventh. Your Committee would venture to suggests to Synod the great need of Christian education among the colored people. We ought not to be discouraged by the disaster that overtook a former effort. Perhaps small schools under the care of our pastors and sessions would materially assist local mission work for this class better than more pretentious schools.

Twelfth. This summary is not complete without a reference to the continuous growth and success of Synod's Orphans' Home, all of which will be set forth by those in charge.

Thirteenth. The Synod will doubtless formulate proper action with reference to the Twentieth Century Fund for Christian education as recommended by the General Assembly.

Fourteenth. The number of churches contributing to this cause seems to be about the same as last year, though your Committee has not been

able to get complete statistics. The amounts contributed by the different Presbyteries and the disbursements are reported in the financial statement, which is herewith submitted. We make no attempt to report special contributions to the various interests mentioned in this report, because they are become so numerous and are very large in the aggregate. The agitation of this cause in the Synod, Presbyteries and pulpit is producing much interest and liberal support, both in general and local work. If every minister would present this cause and argue its importance much larger results would doubtless follow.

Fifteenth. Your Committee hopes to be able to press this subject in ever proper way, according to the instructions of the Synod and the Assembly.

Sixteenth. The Committee would recommend the same apportionment to the Presbyteries as heretofore, to-wit: Albemarle, $100; Asheville, $50; Concord, $300; Fayetteville, $300; Mecklenburg, $300; Orange, $250; Wilmington, $200. Total, $1,500.

Kespectfully submitted,
J. B. SHEARER, Chairman.

Statement of collections for Church and Christian Education, from Nov. 1, 1899, to Nov. 1, 1900:

Albemarle Presbytery, total collections	$ 52 75
Asheville Presbytery (not reported)	
Concord Presbytery, total collections	84 55
Fayetteville Presbytery, total collections	99 06
Mecklenburg Presbytery	246 07
Orange Presbytery, total collections	104 23
Wilmington Presbytery, total collections	24 97
Total	$611 64

DISBURSHMENTS.

Postage, etc	$ 2 75	
Expended by Orange Presbytery	104 24	
Expended by Mecklenburg Presbytery	246 07	
To Red Springs Seminary	49 53	
To Davidson College	150 00	
Total	$562 69	
Balance on hand	49 05	
		$611 64

A large number of special contributions are not reported this year, as was done heretofore.

REPORT ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Colored Evangelization would present the following report:

The contributions of the churches of the Synod for this cause for the year ending April 1, 1900, were $1,178, being $39 less than for the year previous, and $408 less than the amount given two years ago. More than one-half of the churches of this Synod failed to give anything for the instruction or evangelization of the negro race.

Resolved, First, the Synod deplores this manifest lack of interest in this great work, which God has, in His providence, undoubtedly laid upon us—the preaching of the gospel to the poor in our own land—and solemnly enjoins that a collection be taken in every church.

Second. The Synod rejoices in the good work accomplished by the Assembly's Committee with the small means put at their disposal—less than $9,000 is the aggregate.

Third. The Synod would again advert to the possibility of establishing Sabbath Schools for the colored people in many places in our own bounds, and would urge all our pastors and sessions to enter upon this work wherever there seems to be an open door.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN M. ROSE, Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

Since writing the above your Committee has learned of an encouraging work done by Orange Presbytery independently of the Assembly's Committee. The following facts should be noted:

1. A debt, resting on the cause for four years, fully liquidated.
2. Three preachers (colored) employed for part of their time.
3. Two churches greatly revived, and a number of accessions.
4. A parochial school organized by the Rev. B. B. Palmer in Caswell county, which will be aided by the Presbytery.
5. A legacy left by George T. Clark, Esq., of $400, to Clark Memorial Church and Sunday School at Danbury, N. C.

JOHN M. ROSE, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Committee makes the following report for the year ending November, 1900 :

We are gratified to note an increase in the amounts contributed to this cause from all the Presbyteries, with only one exception. A large number of churches have not contributed. Out of the 374 churches in this Synod, 185—almost one-half—have made no contribution to the cause of Publication and Colportage. Albemarle Presbytery has 33 churches ; 21 of these have not contributed. Asheville has 22 churches, 18 not contributing ; Concord has 58 churches, 33 not contributing ; Fayetteville has 81 churches, 23 not contributing; Mecklenburg has 75 churches, 30 not contributing ; Orange has 57 churches, 27 not contributing ; Wilmington has 48 churches, 33 not contributing.

An acknowledgment should be made of the large amount of work done by our Assembly's Committee, in the way of donations, making grants of books and tracts and Sabbath School literature to feeble churches, to mission Sabbath Schools, and to missionary pastors and evangelists.

Dr. Hazen reports that the value of these gifts during last year for the whole church reached the sum of $5,849.88. More than has ever been donated before in any one year. And that a volume of testimony has come to the Committee of weak churches encouraged, Sabbath Schools sustained and given new lease of life, evangelistic work supplemented and made more efficient by this free distribution of books and tracts.

We have had only one colporteur in our Synod during the past year, Mr. J. K. Coit. We have but a partial report of his work. In the months of March, April and May he was at work in Mecklenburg Presbytery—principally in the city of Charlotte—but a part of this time was taken up in "Missionary Colportage," arranging for teachers for summer schools in the mountains of our State. He makes a full report of this work to Dr. Hazen, who approves of it and wishes it well.

While in Charlotte Mr. Coit reports the following work done :

Amount of books sold to individuals	$ 295 81
Amount of books sold to Sabbath Schools	110.61
Bibles sold	46.55
Donations	27.95

Prayer meetings held, four.

Addresses, two.

Families visited, about fifty.

We mention as a matter of interest the Sabbath School work inaugurated by our Committee in Richmond. Our Secretary in his last report speaks very encouragingly of what has been done. Seminary students, in their summer vacation, are employed. They are under pastoral and evangelistic control in the prosecution of their labors, and their fields of labor have been selected by the Synodical Home Mission Committee.

It ought to be noted that, in connection with the work of some of these young men co operating with pastors and evangelists, there were over fifty conversions. Through the two agencies of Colportage and Sabbath School Missions, twenty six new Sabbath Schools were organized in localities destitute of gospel privileges, all giving promise of continued usefulness.

Two of these young men were employed in the mountains of our State in the summer of 1899, and during this last summer Mr. R. T. Coit and Mr. C. A. Young were employed in Ashe county, in the field occupied by Rev. Allen Jones. They organized five Sunday Schools in Ashe county, and two just across the line in Virginia, besides doing general colportage work In addition to what has been mentioned several months of colportage work has been done in Fayetteville Presbytery, under the direction of the Publication Committee of Presbytery.

Knowing the needs of a pure Christian literature, and the opportunities given our Committee of Publication for Home Mission work, we urge all our churches and Sabbath Schools to give the cause a liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. STIMSON, Agent

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee would in the first place direct the Synod's careful attention to the great work in which the American Bible Society is engaged—to-wit: the work of enlightening the world in the knowledge of God through the Scriptures. It is to be noted in this connection that, with almost startling success, the Bible Society is accomplishing the work to which it has set its hand.

In confirmation of this fact we note the following figures: In eighty-four years the total issues of the American Bible Society amounted to 67,369,306 copies. During the last year it issued, at home and abroad, 1,406,801 copies.

Your Committee would lay special emphasis on the marked missionary feature of the Society's work Eight hundred and thirty-two thousand, four hundred and ninety-seven copies of the Society's issues for last year were distributed outside of the United States; this is in addition to the large number of issues distributed in our own land. It is stated that a general canvass of the United States has been made, which resulted in putting a Bible in almost every home in the land. But the special feature of the work of the Society is in this. As soon as new doors to mission fields are opened it is ready to prepare the way for missionary effort by the introduction of the Scriptures. Then the colporteur and the missionary go hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder in the great work of evangelizing the world.

Again, we would have you to note the liberal hand the Society takes in revising and translating the Scriptures into the various languages of the foreign fields. As an instance of this feature of the work during the year 1899, 614,100 copies of Bibles and parts of the Bible were issued and distributed in China alone, and 218,397 copies "were printed in, or sent to, Korea, Japan, Siam, Turkey, and Syria." In the accomplishment of this work the American Bible Society employs 286 persons in foreign lands. This work is regarded by missionaries as one of vast importance, a work which underlies all missionary effort.

One sad feature of the work for the past year is the falling off in the receipts from the living of about $5,000.

All these facts should appeal powerfully to every lover of the Lord

Jesus Christ, and everyone who has the burden of souls on his heart and conscience.

We note a slight improvement in the contributions of this Synod over last year—$5 00—yet the sad fact stares us in the face, that we have taken such slight hold upon the work the Bible Society offers us.

Note following table, which shows just how the Synod stands upon this matter :

PRESBYTERY.	CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	NON CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.
Albemarle	8	$ 48 00	25
Asheville	5	21 00	18
Concord	14	46 00	44
Fayetteville	26	67 00	55
Mecklenburg	27	108 00	48
Orange	18	109 00	39
Wilmington	10	63 00	38
Total	108	$ 462 00	267

This table reveals two sad facts :

1. That 267 churches in this Synod contributed nothing at all to this important cause last year.

2. That taking the average of the Church membership of the whole Synod, we gave last year to the Bible cause only a little more than one cent per member.

This is a showing greatly to be deplored. One that we should not only deplore, but which we should deplore deeply enough to be moved to bestir ourselves and relieve the situation.

The Assembly has properly given the Bible cause a place in its scheme of collections. The Synod authorizes it as one of our gifts to benevolent causes, therefore, let the pastors not forget to give the people an opportunity to contribute to it, when the time assigned to it arrives.

Recommendations : (See Minutes). H. S. BRADSHAW,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The year 1900 is marked by a great revival interest in Sabbath School work in the bounds of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The report of the General Assembly's Committee presented some startling facts which have been made the basis of considerable discussion. Prominent among them are these:

1. There are 900 churches—one-third of all—which report no Sabbath Schools.

2. In the past year we have lost 1,400 from the enrollment of officers, teachers and scholars.

3. There are 2,750,000 white children in our Southland unconnected with any Sabbath School of any denomination.

The report also contains some valuable recommendations which will be noted later.

When we come to our Synod, we are but slightly ahead of the average of the Church. Our Presbyteries are becoming aroused to the importance of this work, and some aggresive steps have been taken.

Albemarle reports some growth and considerable interest aroused. The "Old Guard" system has been adopted. According to this, every officer, teacher and scholar who does not miss more than three Sabbaths in the year is put upon the honor roll, and the name is read out in the school and Presbytery. This Presbytery has held a good Sunday School convention.

Asheville presents no special report.

Concord reports little interest taken in this subject, but the Sunday School Committee proposed having a Sunday School Day in connection with the meeting of Presbytery.

Fayetteville seems to be fully alive to the importance of this work.

Mecklenburg has shown no special interest in this work, although the subject has been discussed in connection with the Elders' and Deacons' Institute.

Orange held a most interesting Sunday School Convention during the fall meeting of Presbytery, at which several valuable addresses were made.

Wilmington held a profitable Sunday School Conference this fall and interest in the work is increasing. Steps have been taken to hold a Sun-

day School Institute among the churches.

All the Presbyteries approve the election of a Sunday School Secretary except Asheville, which has disapproved ; and Concord, which has deferred the discussion until the Spring meeting.

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches.	Communicants.	Sabbath Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conventions and Institutes.	Amount for Benevolent Causes.	Amount for Expenses.	Total.	Scholars Added to Church.
Albemarle	23	2225	26	229	1429	1	363	419	886	28
Ashville	23	1300	14	106	829		152	213	305	25
Concord	58	5681	47	424	3508		796	651	1447	142
Fayetteville	81	7683	79	428	4144		603	953	1594	119
Mecklenburg	75	8487	63	699	5013		832	1759	2652	299
Orange	57	5830	52	478	3909	1	886	1471	2356	166
Wilmington	48	3412	27	170	1488	1	235	619	864	72
Total	375	34638	306	2534	20920	3	3867	6084	9951	851

From these figures we can see that the enrollment of our Sabbath Schools is far behind our communicants' roll ; that not one-half our members are connected with our Sabbath Schools in any capacity ; that we have 69 more churches than Sabbath Schools ; that only three Presbyteries hold conventions or institutes ; that twice as much is given for home expenses as for the benevolent causes of the Church ; and that over one-half of the members added to the Church, on profession of faith, came from our Sabbath Schools.

Recommendations : (See Minutes).

A. A. LITTLE, Chairman.

REPORT OF REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

1899-1900.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

I. The Regents of your Orphans' Home at Barium Springs are gratified in being able to make, in some respects, a report more favorable than any previous one. For twelve years the institution has grown in numbers and in conveniences for the accommodation of its inmates, and God has continually raised up friends in time of need.

During the present year there have been improvements in the teaching department. The school has been carefully distributed into nine grades, with four experienced and enthusiastic teachers, while a fifth teacher gives lessons in vocal and instrumental music, and it is claimed that the school will compare favorably with the best graded schools in the State.

II. We call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the long deferred home for the superintendent has been completed, and the family are now enjoying the comforts of family life for the first time in twelve years. The residence is of brick, situated immediately fronting the Main Central Building, across the public road ; is two stories in height, contains eight rooms, and is tastefully planned and constructed, and cost two thousand six hundred dollars. The money for its erection was contributed, one-half by Mr. Geo. W. Watts, a member of the board of Regents, and the other half was raised among the churches by Rev. E. E. Gillespie, our Synodical Agent for Home Evangelization. Thanks are due to these two brethren for their liberality, and self-denying efforts in this behalf, and also to the generous contributors to this good work.

III. The Regents would further report that $3,000 of the $5,000 legacy left to the home by Mr. S. P. Alexander, of Charlotte, has been paid into the treasury by the executors of Mr. Alexander's will, the other $2,000 remaining in the executor's hands awaiting final settlement. The Regents have not yet fully determined in what manner this legacy shall be expended, but are of the opinion that it should be spent in permanent improvements and betterments on the premises, and not be devoted to the support of the orphans. Your Regents are of the opinion that our people are abundantly able to feed, clothe and educate the children by their own contributions, and that they will willingly do so, if the proper

means are used to raise the necessary amounts.

IV. The number of children this year in the Home has been 130, two less than last year. Of these, 72 were girls and 58 boys. The average attendance has been 120. These children and their teachers and matrons have enjoyed general good health. There was one child who was taken with typhoid fever shortly after admission into the Home, the disease having originated elsewhere. By judicious care the disease was prevented from spreading, but it suggested the fact that our sewerage system was very primitive and deficient, and that steps should be taken as soon as practicable to improve the water works and sewerage system. This matter will claim the early attention of the Board of Regents.

V. Employment of children and proceeds of the farm.—The forenoons of five days in the week are devoted to school work, and the afternoons to manual labor. The children are carefully taught all domestic duties and are exercised in all domestic labors, so that when they have finished their term at the Home they come out well equipped for the duties of every day life in the world. The boys are employed, according to their strength and ability, in the printing office, in the wood yard, in caring for the furnaces, and in the garden and on the farm. Some of these departments yield a visible revenue for the Home. The Press, for instance, brings in receipts amounting to ..... $ 93.78
The farm, garden and dairy yielded 1,586.00

Total ..... $ 1,679.78

Provisions raised on the farm and garden and supplies sent in amounted to $3,524 on a moderate computation.

VI. Mr. P. M. Brown, our faithful and unpaid treasurer, after having his books and accounts audited and approved by a committee appointed for that purpose, has presented an abstract of his accounts from Oct. 1st, 1899 to Oct. 1st, 1900.

The total amounts on hand and received during the year on the Support, Building and Press Fund amounts to ..... $ 9,019 06
Total expended on those funds amounts to 9,006 82

Leaving a balance on hand Oct. 1, 1900 ..... $ 12.24
The total receipts on the support fund were ..... $ 6,936.51
Deducting the shortage for last year 658.37

Leaves available for support fund ..... $ 6,278.14
The total disbursements were ..... $ 7,010.95

Leaving a shortage of ..... $ 732.81
Or a shortage greater than last year by 74.44

In other terms the shortage of last year has been carried over and the contributions of this year lacked $74.44 of paying for the expenditures of this year.

The Press Fund as usual has been in a more prosperous condition than the others.

On hand, Oct. 1, 1899 (Loaned to support fund)	$ 678.20
Receipts during the year	93.78
Total	$ 771.98
Total disbursement for the year	96.27
On hand, Oct. 1, 1900 (Loaned to support fund)	$ 675.71

It thus appears that the Press Fund has enough to its credit if it could be recovered from the support fund to purchase a press and materials, and thus enable it to give to the churches a bi-weekly paper, that would be creditable to the cause it represents.

The Building Fund received during the year	$ 1,988.00
Was short on Oct. 1, 1899	19 00
Had available funds	$ 1,968.00
Disbursed during the year	1,899.02
On hands Oct. 1, 1900	$ 69 92

OUR FUTURE SUPPORT.

VII. From the foregoing report the Synod will learn that the Orphan's Home is in excellent condition, and fully equipped for the work of supporting, clothing and educating about 125 orphan children. There is, however, one lamentable draw-back that should be remedied if practicable. And the Regents feel that the remedy lies in the power of the ministers and churches of the Synod. The draw-back is that during the summer months there is a painful decrease in contributions to the support fund. This decrease or deficiency has been so great that our large family have been reduced to a diet of bread, vegetables and fruit, with a little meat, butter and milk now and then. Your Regents are persuaded that the children have not been reduced to starvation diet, notwithstanding sensational reports to that effect. But there has been a lack of such variety of palatable food as is necessary to promote health, and especially such as is necessary for the comfort of the grown people, the superin-

tendent and teachers of the institution, who share with the children in the diet provided on the common tables. This summer deficiency would not occur if our churches would be faithful in taking up the June collection. It is a lamentable fact that although the Synod, at different times, has enjoined upon our ministers and churches to take up a collection for the orphans upon one Sabbath in June, the great majority of the churches fail to do so. The treasurer's books show that out of 375 churches only five of them sent in any contribution in June 1900, and only eleven sent in anything in July, and only twelve in August, and only four in September, only 32 churches contributed anything in four months, while 343 declined to comply with the injunction of the Synod. Your Board of Regents still believe that the present mode of raising supplies for the Home is the most practicable method, and hope that if the Synod shall place strong emphasis upon the importance of the June collection, all would be well. We, therefore, ask that the Synod simply reiterate its instructions of former years, placing particular stress upon the mid-summer collections.

The instructions asked by your Board of Regents are as follows, viz:

1. That all our Sabbath Schools be urged to make contributions once a month for the support of the Orphans' Home.

2. That our churches be urged to make the Thanksgiving contribution larger than ever before.

3. That our people be requested to remember the orphans on holiday occasions by tokens of sympathy, either in money or in provisions.

4. That all our churches be directed to make a liberal contribution on or near the second Sabbath in June.

5. That wherever it is practicable our people be asked to collect and forward to the Home free-will offerings of provisions for the support of the orphans.

6. That our ministers be asked to mention the orphans in their public prayers on Sabbath and at the weekly prayer meetings.

REPORT ON PROPERTY.

VIII. The property of the Home has been kept in good condition, and the farming lands and grounds are improving year by year. The groves and lawns and walks and drives are quite attractive, and the buildings are in good repair. The estimated value of property is as follows;

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
9	~~Hugh Cathey~~	~~Rowland.~~
10	W. R. Coppedge	Rockingham.
11	W. C. Buchanan	Takamatsu, Japan.
12	C. G. Vardell	Red Springs.
13	Archie McLauchlin	Mt. Gilead.
14	~~C. H. Dobbs, Jr.~~	~~Carthage~~
15	H. Tucker Graham	Fayetteville.
16	~~R. W. Alexander~~	Raeford.
17	R. W. Hines	Smithfield.
18	~~J. L. Vandle~~	~~Fayetteville.~~
19	J. P. McMillan, D. D	St. Paul's.
20	C. F Rankin	Red Springs.
21	J. M. Rose, D. D	Laurinburg.
22	K. M. McIntyre	Carl.
23	K. A. McLeod	Jonesboro.
24	M. N. McIver	Rockingham.
25	A. M. Hassell	West End.
26	~~L. L. Little~~	~~Kiangyin, China.~~

IV—Wilmington Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	Colin Shaw	Klondyke.
2	James Kelly	Clarkton.
3	Archibald McFadyen	Clarkton.
4	J. D. Stanford	Kenansville.
5	J. J. Hines	Riverdale.
6	Peter McIntyre	Faison.
7	Alexander D. McClure	Wilmington.
8	S. H. Isler	Goldsboro.
9	Paul C. Morton	Wilmington.
10	J E. L. Winecoff	Whiteville.
11	Wm. M. Shaw	Kenansville.
12	Robert M. Williams	Wallace.
13	D. P. McGeachy	Burgaw.
14	Edward E. Laue	Wilmington.

V—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

	MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE.
1	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
2	J. J. Kennedy	~~Lowesville~~,
3	R. A. Miller	Lowell.
4	J. R. McAlpine	Pineville.
5	S. C. Boyce	Wolfsville.
6	John W. Moore	Koochi, Japan.
7	George A. Sparrow	Begonia.
8	H M. Dixon	Monroe.
9	J. M. Grier	Caldwell.
10	William Black	Davidson.
11	R. C. Morrison	~~Matthews~~.
12	M. C. Arrowood	Albemarle.
13	Jonas Barclay	Martindale.
14	A. A. Little	Shopton.
15	T. F. Boozer	Sunshine.
16	~~J. W. Stagg, D. D.~~	Charlotte.
17	R. D. Stimson	Hopewell.
18	T. J. Allison	Charlotte.
19	~~J. R. Howerton, D. D~~	Charlotte.
20	M. McG. Shields	Gastonia.
21	~~H. W. Hoon~~	~~Waxhaw~~.
22	W. R. Minter	~~Rutherfordton~~.
23	M. A. Henderson	Rutherfordton
24	G. T. Thomson	Cottonwood.
25	J. A. Dorrittee	Charlotte.
26	S. H. Spencer	Morven.
27	T. C. Croker	Gastonia.
28	J. A. McMurray	Mint Hill.
29	A. H. Temple	Locust.
30	J J. Harrell	Martindale.
31	S. L. Cathey	Rutherfordton.
32	J. R. Millard	King's Mountain.
33	~~J. R. Bridges, D. D~~	Charlotte.
34	W. O. Sample	Lodo.
35	G. C. Huntington	~~Charlotte~~.
36	G. W. Belk	Charlotte.

Rev. W. C Hagan

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THE DOCKET.

Of the Eighty-Eighth Annual Session of the Synod of North Carolina to be held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, 1901, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

I. Opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D.

II. Constituted with Prayer.

III. Report of Committee on Enrollment, and Roll Call.

IV. Moderator and Temporary Clerks Elected.

V. Reading the Minutes of Last Meeting.

VI. Fix the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.

VII. Appoint the following Standing Committees:

1. On Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. To Prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. On Devotional Exercises.
5. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
6. On Systematic Beneficence.
7. On Union Theological Seminary.
8. On the Treasurer's Book and Report.
9. On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.
10. On the Records of Synod.
11. On Leave of Absence.
12. To Review the Records of the Presbyteries:
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.
    6. Albemarle.
    7. Asheville.

VIII. Excuse to be Rendered for Absence from Last Meeting of Synod. Referred.

FROM ORANGE—Rev. Messrs. R. W. Culbertson. C. W. Robertson, R. W. George, S. H. Williamson, O. G. Jones, J. H. Hammet.

FROM CONCORD—Rev. Messrs. B. L. Beall, E. E. Pressley, J. A. Harris, L. A. McLaurin, J. M Greenlee, Edgar Tufts, J. F. Pharr, A. S Caldwell, A. W. White, J. M. McLain.

FROM FAYETTEVILLE—Rev. Messrs M. N. McIver, L L. Little, Hugh Craig, W C. Buchanan, R. W. Alexander, C. F. Rankin.

FROM WILMINGTON—Rev. Messrs. Colin Shaw, James Kelly, J. D. Stanford, J. J. Hines, J. E. L Winecoff, D. P. McGeachy.

FROM MECKLENBURG—Rev. Messrs. J. R. McAlpine, S. C. Boyce, J. W Moore, H. M. Dixon, J. M. Grier, M. C. Arrowood, Jonas Barclay, T. F. Boozer, M. A. Henderson, J. A. Dorrittee, S. H. Spencer, T. C. Croker, J A. McMurray, A. H. Temple, J. J. Harrell, J. R. Millard, W. O Sample, G. C. Huntington, G. W. Belk, W. H. Wilson.

FROM ALBEMARLE—Rev. Messrs. C. N. Wharton, L. C. Vass.

FROM ASHEVILLE—Rev. Messrs. D. T. Towles. E. A. Sample, J. B. Cochrane, H. R. Overcash, F. D. Hunt, R. P. Smith, R. S. Eskridge, T. W. DeVane, D M. Douglas, S W. Newell.

IX Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Presented and Referred.

X. Narrative of the Presbyteries on the State of Religion Presented and Referred.

XI Report of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence, Presented and Referred.

XII. The Synodical and Presbyterial Records Presented and Referred.

XIII. The Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary Read and Referred.

XIV. The Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary. Referred.

NOTE: The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of Synod, viz : Rev. F H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. B. Morton and Ruling Elder B. F. Hall.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Dr. J. R. Erwin, chairman,) Read and Referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of Synod Read and Referred.

XVII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XVIII. Synodical Communion on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock,

and Memorial Services immediately after.—Standing Rules 23 and 24.

XIX. Reports of the Permanent Committees, Agents, etc., of Synod :

1. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., Chairman. Popular Meeting, Wednesday night.
2. Synodical Home Missions—Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Superintendent. Popular Meeting, Thursday night.
3. Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. A. Little, Chairman. Friday night
4. Colored Evangelization—Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman. Friday night
5. Education for the Ministry—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman.
6. Church and Christian Education—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D D., Chairman.
7. Bible Cause—Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman.
8. Publication and Colportage—Rev. R. D. Stimson, Chairman.
9. Sabbath—Rev. H. T. Graham, Chairman.
10. Assembly's Home Missions Rev. J. R. Howerton, Agent.

XX. Report of the Board of Colored Academical and Industrial School—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman.

XXI. Report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President,

XXII. Report of the Committee on the 20th Century Fund—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, D. D., Chairman.

XXIII. Report of the Regents of South Atlantic University—Rev J. B. Shearer, President.

XXIV. Report of the Synodical Historical Committee—Rev. D. I. Craig, Chairman.

XXV. Report on the Old Records of Synod—Stated Clerk.

XXVI. Election of Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions, and the Committee.

XXVII Election of Stated Clerk, and all the Permanent Committees, for a term of three years.

XXVIII. Time and place of Next Meeting of Synod.

XXIX. How many copies of the Minutes shall be printed.

XXX. Roll call before Final Adjournment.

XXXI. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXXII. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and Apostolic Benediction.